

Leighton, Adele

From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 9:43 AM
To: Leighton, Adele; Howland, Debra; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Raymond, Margaret
Subject: FW: Objection to Aquarion Rate Hike Request

I have attached an internet e-mail from our PUC account regarding Docket No. DW 08-098, Aquarion Water Company.

--Kim

-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy Atwood [mailto:WLatwood@Comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 9:58 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Objection to Aquarion Rate Hike Request

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

I am opposed to the pending rate increase by Aquarion New Hampshire of our water rates. I am a residential customer with a limited budget trying to make ends meet. We're all aware of the financial crisis across the country yet Aquarion wants more money. When the rest of the country is getting at best a 3% COLA, Aquarion comes up with an outrageous and unreasonable increase. They got their last rate increase in 2006.

Aquarion is now requesting a 21% increase to the existing rates. Those rates saw an increase of 17% in 2006. Where does it end? Apparently the short answer - It doesn't.

The same schemes, PowerPoint presentations and tactics have been repeated throughout New England. A quick check of news articles shows similar repeated rate increases throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut to name just a few states where this foreign owned utility is fueled by profits and greed.

Water is a necessity and I find it unreasonable that our rates are increased by 38% from 2006 through 2009. I ask again when does it end? My income certainly hasn't increased by these margins during the same time period. Why does their profit margin continue to grow like the outrageous profit margins posted by the Big Oil Companies?

Aquarion is NOT a local small utility providing services to our community. It's a GIANT, GLOBAL, CORPORATE CONGLOMERATE loaded with profits. Profit that's not spent in Hampton or New Hampshire. It's skimmed off to unseen offshore entities whose only goals are to make more money for the Company and its Share Holders.

Please take action to rein in this **UNREASONABLE** Rate hike... **Please** save the Rate Payers.

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