

DW08-098

Leighton, Adele

From: Smith, Kim on behalf of PUC
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 10:05 AM
To: Leighton, Adele; Howland, Debra; Noonan, Amanda; Naylor, Mark; Raymond, Margaret
Subject: FW: PUC Aquarion Petition

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

--Kim

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

From: rlbatch144@comcast.net [mailto:rlbatch144@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2008 8:39 AM
To: PUC
Subject: PUC Aquarion Petition

Good morning,

I have reviewed the brief outline of the rate increase under review.

The Commission should get a better understanding of the main improvements and conservation measures. What I do not understand is that Aquarion had these costs already charged to the consumer in the way of depreciation and a cash reserve should be on the books for improvements rather than charging the public again?
If Aquarion wants the public to pay for Conservation measures then the public should approve such expenditures. A significant plant addition should have been APPROVED BEFORE the capital expenditure was initiated, NOT AFTER to assure fund availability from the public. Maybe the plant addition should be tabled for now.

The world has changed and the season today IS TO CONSERVE CASH. That includes Aquarion. The Commission must assure the public that Aquarion is on a conservative budget for 2009 and that there MUST NOT BE ANY unnecessary expenditures. I think it was not necessary to put up the entrance showpiece at the public's expense in Hampton.

Conserve CASH has to be the objective until the economic situation stabilizes.

With regards, Ron Batchelder, Hampton, NH

