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Public Utility Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

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Dear Ms. Howland:

I'm writing in regards to the rate hike requested by Aquarion Water Company. I'm retired living on a small fixed income as are many of my neighbors and townspeople.

In June of 2006 I went to Concord with the town water commissioners and attorney and spoke before the PUC regarding water quality and pricing. At that time Aquarion was requesting a rate hike and we were being billed a larger dollar amount than most other communities in New Hampshire. My concern as well as that of my neighbors was also the quality of the water we were being subjected to. A good percentage of my neighbors were purchasing drinking water and like me having problems with mechanical items (I have pictures showing corrosion with valves and connections) that use water.

I walked out of that meeting with the feeling that Aquarion, (even though they were proven wrong on everything they put forth) was going to get the rate hike.

I personally feel that if Aquarion is in need of a rate hike they should change management like a lot of other companies are having to do or cut the CEO and others pay. In these times of tough economy we are all asked to tighten our belts, conserve and so shouldn't the PUC and Aquarion.

Enough is enough. I also predict that after that last meeting that I attended the PUC will again cave into Aquarion.

Please make sure that this letter is entered into the meeting scheduled on the rate hike.

Sincerely:



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