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Ms. Sarah Howland, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

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Re: Docket No. 10-091 (19% increase requested by Pennichuck Water)

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am writing to oppose the 19% rate increase requested by Pennichuck Water Works. The 19% increase that Pennichuck is requesting would be on top of an increase of more than 11% in residential rates that Pennichuck imposed in July, 2009. At my house we made the mistake of watering the lawn this summer. Our last monthly water bill increased to \$171.

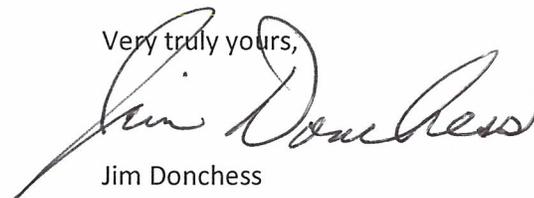
At a time when wages are stagnant for middle class Nashua citizens and the cost of living is only increasing at about 2% per year, it is outrageous that Pennichuck raised rates by 11% last year. Pennichuck's attempt to raise rates again by 19% is even worse. The Nashua Telegraph reported on August 7, 2010 that Pennichuck had record profits for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2010.

The City of Nashua has cut back on police and in our schools in order to save money. The tax money that has been saved by making these cuts is being paid by Nashua citizens to cover the rate increases that Pennichuck is imposing.

I cannot help but think that these massive rate increases are somehow related to the dispute between the City of Nashua and Pennichuck over the buyout of Pennichuck by the City. Pennichuck is probably using the increases in revenues and in profits to try to get a higher price for the proposed buyout.

As a citizen of Nashua, and as a Pennichuck customer who is paying 11% more than I did just a year ago, I hope that you will roll back part of last year's 11% increase, and that you deny Pennichuck the 19% increase it is requesting this year.

Very truly yours,



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