Petition to Intervene

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State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

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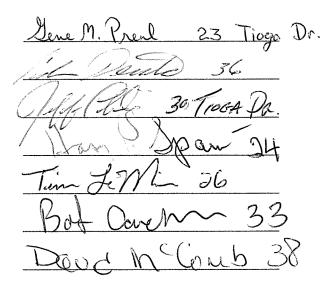
TIOGA RIVER WATER COMPANY

Permanent Rate Increase Proceeding

Order Suspending Proposed Tariffs and Scheduling a Prehearing Conference

ORDER NO. 25,169

We, the undersigned, strenuously object to the proposed 127% water bill increase submitted by the Tioga River Water Company (Petitioner), and manner in which it is to be administered. The rate hike is unreasonable, and unjust! The resulting rate structure would NOT be commensurate with the rates of other local services or municipalities providing similar service to its customers. Moreover, the average annual cost of water for a single family home in New Hampshire is \$505, as cited in the article published in the Laconia Citizen on November 30, 2010, and based on The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 2009 water survey, which included the rates of 119 municipal and other water systems throughout the state. By the Petitioner's submitted information of the "average" consumption, the proposed 127% increase would propel the water utility rates for our minuscule, 22 customer enclave of low to middle class families into the top 2 percent of the aforementioned 119 statewide systems, if not making us the highest paying clients in the state.



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