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To the Honorable Judge Angela T. Jones,

First of all I apologize for this correspondence being hand written however,

I just received notice that I needed to send my reasons for objecting to AQUA's proposed rate hike. I object to the

rate hike because I feel it is excessive as well as oppressive to their clientele.

We have no other choice but to use this company if we want to drink water,

& bath. This in my opinion is a monopoly & needs tighter regulations. Prior to AQUA

by buying PSW my water bill averaged \$30 to \$32 every three months. Now from what I understand AQUA requires an 11%

increase in rates on top of the fact that I pay \$32 per month for water. I

frankly would like to see a list of

repairs / improvements they claim to have made.
Secondly, Water is a Natural resource
just because they harness it and treat
it; doesn't justify the rates they
charge. I will be more than happy
to provide more info for you however
this short notice has required brevity
on my part.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Honorable Judge Angela T. Jones
Administrative law Judge;

This is to notify this court that I object to the rate increase requested by
AQUA PA.

Water rates are already much too high. Any additional increase will place a
burden on people, especially to senior citizens on low fixed income.

This increase is not necessary, except to satisfy the greed of the AQUA
executives and their share holders.

Up to about six years ago I used to pay less than forty dollars every three
months. Now my last month's bill was fifty three dollars just for one month,
That shows that during this period the water increased by about four hundred
percent.

Why those astronomical increase?

AQUA has not replaced any pipes or done any major projects in my
community during the over fifty years that I have been living here.

The CEO of AQUA Pa has a base salary of 2.4 million dollars per year in
addition he receives millions of dollars in stocks and hundreds thousands of
dollars from other companies such as PECO because he is a board member.
About five years ago, at a public hearing held at Montgomery county
community college it was disclosed that AQUA CEO, besides his salary, he
just cashed 14 million dollars of stock options. The share holder had
averaged 20% return on their shares during each of the previous five years.
And even then AQUA asked 14% increase and I believe they got it.

The water does not belong to AQUA PA. AQUA PA is basically a
contractor, without competition, to maintain the system already in place
unfortunately, greed has over taken their common sense and have become a
public menace.

If AQUA is allowed to continue this practice, people will be forced to
collect water from the rain gutters and dig up the old wells in their back
yard.

It was reported on the news that the water company is working on passing a law that would prohibit people from drinking water bottles in public buildings. This is another example of AQUA's arrogance and disrespect towards the people. They think only of themselves.

I suggest that state legislature dissolve AQUA PA Inc. and return the water system back to the people as it was before.

Emilio Rende