

## **Diane Holt**

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**From:** querymr@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 3:18 PM  
**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Deena Oppenheim

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Name of Utility Company: Eagle Water

Comment: I strongly oppose the proposal by Suez Water Company to acquire the assets of the Eagle Water Company as it currently stands.

This proposal seems to offer the current consumers a terrible deal: an increase in fees estimated most optimistically between 203%-235%, reduced water quality, addition of multiple chemicals, less personal responsiveness all for the benefit of an automated billing system (which actually saves the ownership money)- hardly a good bargain! We were only notified within the past few weeks and have had no time to organize and develop alternative solutions.

The aquifer that supplies our water is fantastic and ideal for the 12,000 customers. The water is pure and requires little treatment. Our water is delicious and does not have the hard chemicals that damage home pipes/equipment. A takeover by these non-local foreigners will likely commingle water from multiple (and more costly) sources, force in chemicals and ruin the our overall water quality.

One of the reasons I purchased my forever home here in Eagle was based on being an Eagle Water customer --- Suez "quality" will severely degrade a major aspect of the value of my home. I have been told it is a "done deal" --- as a PUBLIC utility I think we, the public, should have an opportunity to provide input and seek some assurances on how a transition will happen over time.

Of course the current owner has every right to sell - but I feel the PUC should insist on a stepped process that will protect the QUALITY of the current users water - or at least develop a multi-year transition process.

We have not been given time to develop any solutions nor time to fully understand this "deal".

As the PUC, your job is to be the voice protecting consumers --- Please Do Just That!

Deena Oppenheim

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**From:** jdhaas@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Jeff Haas

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Name of Utility Company: Eagle water

Comment: Suez is funding the purchase through the increase in fees; PUC is allowing the increase which then sets the sales price. So, in essence PUC is setting the sales price for Eagle Water. The price is not set on a typical evaluation of assets/returns/debts that sort of thing, but rather on creating a new profit margin with the help of PUC, an increase that is challenging/difficult to justify logically.

What is truly disturbing is not the increase in cost, though it does seem that the PUC commissioners should be double checked how they are proceeding, but the fact that water is one of the most precious resources which is now being outsourced outside of the United States.

We residents of Eagle have funded the upgrades of Eagle Water over the last couple of years. It was not capital provided by the owner of Eagle Water, but the Eagle water customers who paid for capital improvements. PUC gave permission for Eagle Water to increase rates to cover capital costs. Will we get that money back, since we actually paid for the upgrades??

Eagle City in conjunction with PUC and the Eagle residents have the ability to purchase Eagle Water at a fair price, one that does not depend on an increase in rates but reflects the current return rate. In other words, a rate that does not depend on the favor of commissioners.

Saving water is always a good thing, water is a precious commodity. We should not have to conserve just to fund a private company, when there is no actual shortage. Reflecting on options and verifying that commissioners are acting on the communities best interests rather than on private party best interests are good reasons to extend the deadline and get other's such as the Attorney General involved in the process.

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**From:** druelthomas@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Douglas Thomas

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**Name of Utility Company:** Eagle Water

**Comment:** Please stop the sale of Eagle Water to SUEZ Water (a foreign owned company.) It is time to stop the sale of our precious water supplies/vital resources to foreign companies.

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**From:** sdrabek@qchekd.com  
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**To:** Beverly Barker; Diane Holt; Erik Jorgensen; Matthew Evans  
**Subject:** Case Comment Form: Steve Drabek

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Eagle ID, 83616

**Name of Utility Company:** Eagle Water Co.

**Comment:** I recently received the letter on the sale & purchase of Eagle Water Co. along with the shocking notice that our rates will go up 200%. I am retiring and can't afford that type of increase. Being on a fixed income limits the amount available moneys. If this does occur I will begin the process of moving out of Eagle to a place that is more affordable & more consumer friendly.

I don't understand how you can OK the rates of a company like Suz, when the Eagle Water Co. has been successful with the much lower rates. This rate increase will drive a lot of long time residents out of Eagle.. I know there is a balance between business needs & consumer needs. This is not taking in consideration consumer needs. Please do not allow this to happen Steve & Kathy Drabek

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