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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Subject: SUEZ purchase of Eagle Water Company

I have lived in Eagle since 1982 and been serviced by Eagle Water Company. Other than for water pressure issues back in the 1980's I have received satisfactory service from Eagle Water at a very comfortable cost.

Now I see that if SUEZ buys Eagle Water my rates might double or even triple from Eagle Water rates and all I receive in return is the promise of improvements in a system that is already providing me with satisfactory service. If the system isn't broken and my experience indicates it isn't, then why fix it? SUEZ claims Eagle Water rates are not sustainable. Oh? It seems like the rates have sustained Eagle water for years. Eagle Water apparently runs lean and mean without company overhead, big executive salaries and the other trappings of large companies. That works for me. I'd like to see the purchaser of Eagle Water operate efficiently like Eagle Water has done. If SUEZ wants to buy Eagle Water then I request they do so with the understanding that Eagle Water rates will continue with at most only a small increase (like 20%). If SUEZ can't afford to buy Eagle Water under this limitation I request their purchase be denied. Double or triple my rates? You have to be kidding me.

I can understand why the DeShazo family would want to get out of the water business. They've run the company for years and everybody deserves to retire before it's too late. My point is before approving the SUEZ purchase you should help Eagle Water look for another small and efficient operator to buy the company. In our wonderful and competitive free enterprise system there has to be someone somewhere available to step up, buy Eagle Water Company and make a fair return on their investment without socking customers with a monstrous increase in their water bill. Many of Eagle's affluent residents can afford a rate increase, but we also have residents that can't and these folks must not be forgotten. I view it as your responsibility to ensure our continued water

service by a company that can do so at the rates we have experienced for so long.
This is obviously not SUEZ.

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