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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Eagle Water Company

Case ID: EAG-W-18-01

Comment: "Dear IPUC, As a concerned citizen, homeowner and taxpayer of the city of Eagle, I am writing you today to voice my concerns and opposition to the IPUC's approval of the sale of Eagle Water company to Suez Water. Please consider my following concerns. 1. Suez has water quality Issues, failing infrastructure, a backload of customer service complaints and history of consistent rate increases. 2. Eagle Water Company has the greatest water quality in the region with no chemical injection (as confirmed by their 2020 annual report). Suez will mix this water with surface water from the Boise River, heavily treat it with chlorine and other chemicals. I strongly oppose my potable water supply being treated with these caustic chemicals. 3. Suez is already pumping water from Redwood Creek around Eagle into the foothills to serve Avimor and Hidden Springs; shouldn't this water be reserved for growth between Eagle and Star? Why would Idahoans give up further local control of our most precious, life-sustaining natural resource to any foreign company whose fundamental goal is maximizing profits for their shareholders? Private water wells are reportedly running dry in many areas of the Boise Valley – including in Eagle - from the crush of new development that has negatively impacted our aquifers. This reality has left a growing number of citizens with literally no viable options for a domestic water source. Sending water we need in our Eagle community to outlying areas for new, non-contiguous growth does NOT serve the citizens of Eagle. 4. Why would this commission consider allowing the sale of Eagle Water Company to Suez when the proposed sale price of \$10.5 million dollars is nearly 10 times that of the actual base rate or estimated values of the company according to the 2020 annual report filed by EWC? The IPUC rejected a previous attempt by another party some years back under similar circumstances. The \$10.5M amended sales price includes an additional \$500,000 asked for by EWC in order to soften the \$1.75M payment they are ordered to pay the City of Eagle as part of the recent lawsuit settlement. Why should Suez customers be forced to pay for fees that EWC owes the City of Eagle due to their own failure to fulfill their contractual responsibility from years past? This grossly inflated price is NOT in the public interest. 5. Suez is currently being acquired by another European multi-national company with a shaky reputation; Veolia. Reports are that Suez will still exist, but it will be a much smaller company, and its U.S. business will migrate to Veolia. The new Veolia will have annual revenue of around \$44 billion, more than five times the bundle of Suez assets that will create "new Suez." Why would the PUC approve the sale when this merger taking place right now between Veolia and Suez threatens to create future issues within Eagle? Thank you in advance for considering my

above concerns and PLEASE oppose the sale of EWC to Suez/ Veolia. Sincerely, Cindy  
Lance 38 S. Snead Ave Eagle, ID 83616"

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