

From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
Date: Monday, October 19, 2020 4:00:04 PM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Lawrence and Judy Meadors
Submission Time: Oct 19 2020 3:42PM
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Name of Utility Company: Suez

Case ID: SUZ-W-20-20

Comment: "To Whom it May Concern: Suez Water's request for a 22.3% increase in their water rates SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. It is absurd to approve an increase in a utility rate of that magnitude upon the consumer regardless of the reasons for Suez's request. This is completely out of line. Thank you. Lawrence and Judy Meadors"

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Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb
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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Suez Water

Case ID: SUZ-W-20-20

Comment: "Upon receiving a note saying Suez Water is asking for a rate increase of 22.3%. I definitely don't agree with this. We water 1/3 of an acre, costing us \$254.00 in Summer months, plus tagged on our bill every other month is an additional charge of \$25. Some extra dollars to help them install new water lines. We've lived here for 46 years. They've never have installed any lines in our subdivision. Any business, that's there problem, on cost. Definitely don't agree with a rate increase. In the Winter months our cost is around \$50.00. With the tagged on cost."

Name: Mark Jaszowski
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Name of Utility Company: Suez Water

Case ID: SUZ-W-20-02

Comment: "I received notice from Suez that they have completed a \$115MM investment in "water system projects" in Idaho and have applied for a 22% rate increase. I have noticed that these inordinate (over 20%) rate increases, that outpace any reasonable cost of living increases, happen during rapid building expansion periods in the Treasure Valley. Clearly these projects involve expanding the system and system capacity all the way through treatment as a direct result of population growth. I believe the equity gypsies arriving in the Treasure Valley should pay for system growth via impact fees and or expansion costs levied on developers that would be reflected in lot prices. It feels to me like we are pushing the cost of growth onto existing rate payers. I object to this inordinate rate increase and request the PUC disallow growth related aspects of this filing. Suez needs to fund expansion through what it charges developers, not distributing it across current rate payers. Mark Jaszowski"

From: [John Huffman <jdhspecial@gmail.com>](mailto:jdhspecial@gmail.com)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Proposed Suez rate increase
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:55:16 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received a postcard yesterday from Suez informing me that they have requested an increase in my bill of 22.3% which would increase their company revenue by \$10.2 million per year. I would very much like to be involved in public comments on this increase. I would also like a public notice of the salary paid to the top 50 employees of Suez for the last 3 years.

Suez indicates this increase is necessary to improve and expand their utilities for distributing drinking water in Boise, Idaho. A 22.3% increase is indicative of gross capital and maintenance mismanagement and that burden is not fairly placed on the backs of Boise citizens, especially when a monopoly has a duty to be managed even more carefully than a private enterprise.

This is truly absurd and to even entertain such an increase brings into question both general management and oversight concerns. Please keep me involved with any future meetings, hearings and notices. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

John Huffman

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From: [rod-gelda <rodgelda@msn.com>](mailto:rod-gelda<rodgelda@msn.com>)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Cc: rodgelda@msn.com
Subject: Suez Investment Plan
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 1:42:00 PM

Hello,

I received a card from Suez the other day requesting an increase of 22.3%. Is this a joke? They already charge an arm and leg for the monopoly they have. This is absurd. They need to manage it better and stop ripping off the people of this valley. Engie should have never been able to sell utilities in America!

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From: [PUC Consumer Comments](#)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Suez

Case ID: SUZ-W-20-02

Comment: "Suez is an expanding company. In this case they report that they are responding to a growing community. This growth should NOT be at the expense of the residents who already contributed to the growth of utilities to this point. If developers build more home, more businesses than they should incur the cost of expansion, NOT current customers. If Walmart opened a new store in Kuna, would it be appropriate for all Walmarts in Boise to raise their prices ? That is NOT THE AMERICAN way of doing business ! I say turn down the rate increase and let the new user pay for the new demands they are creating."

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Name of Utility Company: Suez

Case ID: SUZ-W-20-02

Comment: "This comment regards the Suez 2020 Treasure Valley investment plan to add \$115M in water system additions and upgrades. I expect many consumers may complain about the anticipated residential bill increases so I wanted to voice support for this infrastructure investment. The residential cost increases of \$6.61/mo avg are inconsequential compared to the benefit our economy and community would receive from the upgrades. I believe our public services should continue to improve to better serve our fast-growing city. I resonated with the foothills water tank upgrade allowing for further residential access and forest fire management. Anytime our public utilities can reach more people more efficiently I will support taking on nominal cost increases. Suez hasn't taken a rate increase like this in 5 years and I am grateful for that, but I see this project proposal as a greater good and the timing is important as Boise continues to build and expand. This project is in line with making Boise the most livable city in the country and our children will reap the benefits of our efficiency upgrades and natural resource conservation."

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From: [Emma Arnold <emmabean6@gmail.com>](mailto:emmabean6@gmail.com)
To: [Jan Noriyuki](#)
Subject: Suez Investment Plan: Fee Increase Tuesday,
Date: October 20, 2020 3:15:02 PM

Hi Jan,

I received an email from Suez regarding their Investment Plan that will increase consumer water bills 22.3% and I find the proposal ludicrous. Suez is trying to increase their company revenues by 10.2 million per year during a global pandemic and the worst economic downturn in my lifetime.

Wages in Idaho are stagnant, jobs are scarce, unemployment is at an all time high, and Suez chooses now to attempt to increase our already extremely high water bills by 22%. Perfect example of why I've never met even one single satisfied Suez customer.

I'm against the request and think that Suez should rethink any plan that raises people's monthly bills by \$25-\$50/month.

Thank you,
Emily Arnold