From: PUC Consumer Comments

To: <u>Jan Noriyuki</u>

Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb Date: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 11:00:05 AM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Suez

Case ID: SUZ-W-20-02

Comment: "To Whom It May Concern, In regards to making public comment on Suez's intent to raise rates by 22%, I want to voice my strong opposition to this change. It is discouraging that Suez believes that its customers can assume these kinds of price hikes, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This proposal is a smack in the face of the idea that water is a public utility. This price hike is effectively prohibitive and punative in nature. We do not have water scarcity here, and adding a 22 cents per day to a bill that is already significant for many subscribers will sink families and individuals trying their best to pay rising rent and taxes. In their public notice, Suez, for some reason, stated that these hikes would increase their revenue as if this was some sort of selling point for why they should be allowed such an extreme change in their pricing. It matters to me that I can pay my bills during a pandemic and it matters to me that I don't get priced out of my community simply because I want to use water, a necessity for life. It matters not that a foreign utility increases their profits on the backs of Idahoans during a global pandemic."

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