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Mr. David Drooz, Chief CouncilPublic Staff-NCUC
4326 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4300**RE: NCUC DOCKET NO. W-354, SUB 360**

Dear Mr. Drooz:

I am writing you this letter concerning the current application before the NCUC by CWSNC requesting yet another rate increase for Fairfield Mountains! It seems CWSNC has a rate increase application before the Commission on a continuing basis.

A summary of the previous rate increases is shown below:

2004	+35 %
2008	+38%
2011	+20%
2013	+10%
2015	+02%
2017	+16%
2018	+15% Proposed

As you can see the current rates have increased +121% over the years. (2017/2004) Last year in November the rates were increased +16% and before the ink is dry on this increase. CWS-NC is applying for another.....Incredible!!!!. At several of the hearings held by NCUC last year many customers expressed opposition to these inordinate increases, yet the Commission continues to approve these rate changes without productivity gains or service improvements to customers.

I urge the NCUC to deny in total these exorbitant increases that this Company continues to request. Many utility companies under the new tax laws are lowering rates to customers, not CWS-NC...

I would appreciate you representing me in complete opposition to this increase.

Respectfully,


J.M. Zinsmeister

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