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Mr. Christopher J Ayers Executive Director Public Staff

Dear Mr Ayers,

I am writing to express my misgivings about the so-called temporary rate increase by Aqua. I have no problems with the Company or my water, although some in my neighborhood do. It's hard to imagine any rate increase being temporary. Aqua would not have done this without knowing they stand an excellent chance getting the increase later- especially when they are faced with a 10% interest penalty. To do this in the time of Covid-19 when so many are hurting is an affront to their customers and I hope the State looks after the people and does not approve the rate increase at this time. That's your ultimate charge is to protect the people. I look forward to your decision.

Sincerely, Bill Meacham Whitehart Subdivision 2917 Whitehart Ln Raleigh NC 27606 919-779-5604