



Eagle's water is a community resource we can't afford to sell. Help us keep it under local control!

Situation: After decades of quality water service Eagle Water Company (EWC) - which serves 4,200 Eagle homes and businesses - has decided to sell their water rights and system.

French-based multinational for-profit corporation Suez Water is attempting to purchase this crucial utility system – with a stated goal being to divert water from Eagle to support proposed northwest Boise foothills development. They intend to fund this takeover by hiking rates for customers in the impact area by as much as 200 – 300%, while also increasing rates for existing Suez customers across the valley.

Suez has a D- rating with the Better Business Bureau and a reputation for extremely poor customer service and maintenance, heavy chemicalization of their water and massive rate hikes in municipalities across the US.

Eagle Water Customer Group (EWCG) is an unincorporated non-profit association formed specifically to participate in the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) process as advocates for maintaining local control and stable, affordable rates for our most critical natural resource. This coalition includes Eagle residents and Suez customers across the valley who will be impacted by the projected rate increases as well as other citizens who simply object to a foreign company coming in to take control of our utilities strictly for profit.

Attorney Norm Semanko has generously agreed to represent EWCG on a contingency basis through the IPUC process. Thanks to his excellent work, we have already been granted approval to intervene, which is an important first step.

What you can do to help:

- Join our Facebook page – there is strength in numbers and this is the best way to keep up with developments as they occur. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EagleWaterCustomers/>
- Submit written comments to the IPUC detailing why you object to Suez buying EWC
Case number: SUZ-W-18-02 <https://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/casecomment.aspx>
- Ask that the IPUC hold a meeting in Eagle allowing public testimony.
- Contact local media to tell them what's happening and why you object.
- Write letters to the editor and Op-ed's about the situation.
- Donate to EWCG to support printing costs, mailings, etc. **Donations made payable to Eagle Water Customer Group can be sent to Janet Buschert at 235 W. Floating Feather Rd. in Eagle.**
- Sign up on our contact sheet so we can keep you informed as we move forward.
- Contact Eagle City Council to let them know you support their efforts to buy Eagle Water.
<http://www.cityofeagle.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-11/Contact-the-City-59>
- Let us know what other skills & resources you may have to contribute to our efforts.
- Spread the word to others who may be interested in joining EWCG.