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PETITION OF THE CITY OF ANDERSON,	
INDIANA, FOR AUTHORITY TO: (1) ISSUE )	
LONG TERM DEBT TO FINANCE WATER )	<b>CAUSE NO. 46171</b>
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND (2)	
ADJUST ITS RATES AND CHARGES	

## PUBLIC'S EXHIBIT NO. 5

## **CONSUMER COMMENTS**

## **COMPLIED BY**

## THE INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR

**April 3, 2025** 

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Syvesta Jane Davis

**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:33:44 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Syvesta Jane Davis Email: syvesta686@gmail.com Phone: (765) 617-4718

Address: 1604 Brown street Anderson IN 46016

Utilities: Contaminated water bill increase

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please help us. I know someone can help. Our drinking and bathing water is brown in color at times. I can't even wash my whites without having to run a half full tub of water to make sure I can wash my clothes! It's uncalled for! We already have to pay too much for utilities! Do something please and thank you!

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Alexis Sanders

**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025 11:17:38 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Alexis Sanders

Email: officialalexissanders@gmail.com

Phone: Address: Anderson IN 46012

Utilities: Water

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Our water is constantly yellow, even the cold water, and my appliances and fixtures are getting stained from it, even after intense scrubbing. The water is worse than any public water I've ever tasted before, I'm scared to cook with yellow, chemical tasting water. My son breaks out in a rash when I bathe him, specifically in Anderson. I dont have a problem in Muncie, even using the same soap. Its a water issue. I have all pvc and pex piping, it's very unlikely that this is caused by my own pipes. The hardwater is worse than any hardwater I have ever experienced, even growing up with well water. My dishwasher is caked with hardwater or some other mineral-y residue, after the first wash. My white clothes get stained yellow if I wash them in Anderson. I want to reference case "IURC Cause No. 46171, Anderson".

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To whom it may loneern,

Sam a resident of Madison Country and am writing to submit a request regarding anderson Municipal Water case 4617/.

I do not believe increased rates for the consumers to relocate well fields and a new water plant are

proper Solutions. I believe the costs should be directed back to the sources of continuenation.

Please consider the gravity of this issue

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From: Amy Gustin
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Amy Gustin - Re: Automatic reply: Docket case 46171 Anderson City Water Municipality

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:07:48 PM
Attachments: National Priority listing for Anderson.pdf

2024-12-11 Signatures Opposing Docket Case 46171.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

The citizens of south Madison county are submitting a request to intervene in the matter presented by Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171.

Please find the attached statement and signatures of 143 Indiana residents in Madison County who wish to voice their concern about this proposal before the commission.

The supporting document from the EPA describes the matter of contamination found in the municipal water supply.

The request for rate increases to the residents of this city are an unjust burden placed on the public. The EPA has a process where the facilities identified as the source of contamination (IDEM states at least 5 could be identified), should be paying for remediation and held accountable. Federal law provides a relief for this and this would be the proper course for Anderson Municipal Water to serve the citizens of Anderson and public nearby the city. The contamination is the responsibility of Anderson Municipal Water to address through proper remediation and cleanup, rather than abandoning the site to move to a new clean source.

How will the city ensure this is cleaned up and remediated if the city is relieved of the burden. It is our belief that the IURC can and should deny the rate increases requested as these are unreasonable and unfair costs to levy on the citizens. The citizens and public must demand better from this utility supplier.

Sincerely, Amy Gustin

On Wed, Dec 11, 2024 at 5:57 PM UCC Consumer Info <uccinfo@oucc.in.gov> wrote:

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Note: Two attachments were provided by Amy Gustin and can be found at the end of this document beginning on page 48, with the cover correspondence also duplicated there.

From: Anderson, Lisa

To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Anderson, Lisa - Anderson Municipal Water Rate Case Cause #46171

**Date:** Friday, March 14, 2025 2:21:17 PM

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## To Whom it May Concern:

I am sending this email to complain about the recent flurry of meetings, discussions, and avalanche of mis-information regarding the Water rate case that is being thrown onto local communities like Markleville, Pendleton, etc primarily due to Nestle water consumption that threatens to drain our wells. At first the threat was for annexation into Anderson but now the discussion has changed to the Anderosn Municipal Water Rate. It sounds like the verbage being thrown around is more to confuse the residents with what I believe has already been decided without any consideration for the affected residents.

There is so much information being thrown out to us but is not really informative. Why does it seem like this is all being thrown at us suddenly without a vote or discussion? I feel like the decision is already made and the City of Anderson is just trying to make it seem like everyone else is fine with it.

I have heard that the water in Anderson is contaminated and they are seeking to tap into our water table but the primary consumer is Nestle's. When I review all the complaints nation-wide against Nestle's, the argument for fighting against Nestle seems valid.

The only way that I first heard about these water issues was due to a facebook post randomly sent to me by a neighbor who happened to see it. It was for a meeting that occurred less than an hour from the post but over 100 neighbors showed up at the Adams Fire Township to voice concerns and try to get accurate information. I heard last week of a meeting at the Anderson Court house and again it was due to someone's facebook post. Why aren't these meetings being posted or announced where everyone can attend, instead of a few residents?

This seems like such a serious matter for the local residents and that we are being

railroaded into just accepting the final decision. I, for one, do not want my water / well / lake tapped into.

Thank you,

## LISA M ANDERSON

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Cynthia J Keaton

Email: cindy\_keaton@yahoo.com

Phone: (765) 278-8423 Address: 1325 E St Rd 38

Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Anderson

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: The city of Anderson is attempting to access the aquifer that services SE Madison County-which also feeds our home as well as several family members also living within Adams township. I understand Nestle Corps Anderson IN plant is demanding more water and I'veheard" they aren't paying for any of the water they use in their facility as a part of their agreement to build in the Anderson area. They're using and bottling billions of gallons of Anderson's city water annually which is causing a shortage in good safe water for Anderson area residents. Their wells are old and are being drained-leaving residents with unhealthy drinking water-THIS has been going on over 10 yrs and the City of Anderson has yet to address and place the proper filtering systems at the wells to correct a very disturbing health hazard!

I'm asking you today to please enforce laws and health codes to the city of Anderson and make them repair their messy wells. I'm also asking you to please NO allow them access to our aquifer that feeds our rural wells. Many of us have livestock we need "OUR" well water for these animals-which feed us and our communities.

Anderson would love to take our good water from the deep aquifers which would drain our more shallow wells and the. Turn around and make us pay them for "OUR" water. We live in the country on purpose!!!! We don't want or need Anderson's new water plant on our rural area of Adams township polluting OUR water and leaving the mess for someone else to clean up as they're attempting to do with their current wells north of Anderson! They're mainly wanting water for Nestle and plan to pipe it miles and miles-thru private property to the Nestle plant! Nestle has left messes in several states while their fat cat executives enjoy high living while putting others in danger via poor practices. Our environment and good safe well water is extremely important to our farming families and our homesteading families as well as the schools and nursing facilities in our area! WE deserve to continue living with the rural wells we love and it's not fair for a large corporation to bully us nor is it fair for Anderson to steal OUR water!

Please do the right thing! Stop Anderson water stealing plan and make them and Nestle fix the problem they've cost Anderson. The residents should NOT have to pay for large corporations mistakes!!

Respectfully Cynthia J Keaton 1325 E St Rd 38 Markleville, IN 46056

A resident of this area since 1965-raising grandchildren on our family's farm!!

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Cynthia Jo Keaton

**Date:** Friday, March 7, 2025 10:19:55 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Cynthia Jo Keaton

Email: cindy\_keaton@yahoo.com

Phone: (765) 278-8423

Address: Markleville IN 46056

Utilities: Anderson IN city utility Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Concerning the Anderson Water utility future plan—first of all I feel they MUST clean up their current messes of their current water facilities as well as pay off their first "loan" before starting another project! I believe the water they are providing Anderson citizens is dangerous and unhealthy BUT it's the city councils long time and long ignored problem!! If I lived in Anderson I would get an attorney and sue the city for these sickness causing waters!!!

The city screwed themselves promising the HUGE corporation Nestle unlimited FREE water amongst other tact breaks etc to lure them to Anderson!! The citizens of Anderson would NOT be paying for corporate water usage and it's my understanding the Nestle is currently using 40% of Anderson's daily water use (FREE remember!!) while the citizens of Anderson suffer with less than drinking Safe water, pay on average \$25/month for said water-the majority of these citizens can't afford the 100% proposed increase that will be pawned on them over the next 5 yrs IF you allow this!! Please consider 25% live at or below poverty level, many are aging population raising grandchildren with NO financial assistance, 20% are completely dependent on the welfare system due to disabilities, and 20 some percent are over the age of 65 living on fixed incomes-and with the current threat our government on SS what will happen here??? Ppl will be forced to move leaving the city with yet MORE debt!!! I believe a complete financial overhaul is long past due in the city muck of its leaders honestly!! I'm glad I do NOT live in Anderson any longer!!!

In 1965 my parents purchased a farm near Markleville IN to raise 5 kids who deserved country life NOT city life. Anderson was booming at the time with 2 large GM facilities both spewing uncontrolled and undocumented amounts of pollution into the air! My parents wanted better for their family! Over the past 60 yrs we've added 3 more generations ALL who live in south Madison county on mini farms and homesteads-raising kids and food and animals! Which brings me to my 2nd HUGE concern that the Anderson water expansion plan WILL cause! We ALL intentionally have well which proved us with fabulous healthy WELL WATER-per OUR plan!! Some of our well are a mere 35 ft deep while others have drilled new wells in the past 5-10 yrs at a HIGH out of pocket cost (insurance does NOT cover wells going dry if ya didn't know)

IF Anderson gets away with their this far pretty much "secretive plan" they thought they could slide thru quickly they will be tapping to a LARGE healthy aquifer that services country homes, schools, nursing homes businesses and churches and the usage they allow Nestle for free remember WILL drop well water tables from Muncie to New Castle, Markleville, Mechanicsburg and beyond!!! Causing hundreds of thousands of homes to require drilling new wells-deeper wells at the cost of \$20K each to provide our homes safe drinking water, garden water, farm animals water, crop irrigation-get where I'm going????!!!!

I ask vou

IS THIS FAIR AND JUST???

#### IF THIS WERE YOUR HOME WOULD YOU WANT THIS INVASION?

DO YOU HAVE \$20K LAYING AROUND YOU COULD TOSS INTO A NEW WELL DRILL all because some city government refuses to clean up their ongoing long term contaminated mess of a water issue??!!! Let that sink in-ask your spouse, your kids, your neighbors and family! PLEASE!!!!

We country folks moved to the country intentionally-on purpose-for better! Why should we suffer and eventually possibly have to buy water from Anderson? Water that was OURS IN THE FIRST PLACE BEFORE THEY RAPED OUR AQUIFER AND STOLE PUR WATER!!!

Anderson has screwed itself with no accountability, no REAL plan for the future and it's time this insecurity stop!!

Nestle is a huge part of this problem-heck probably THE whole problem to be honest!! Anderson officials MUST right their wrong and fix THEIR problem without involving thousands of innocent farm families!

Please do the RIGHT thing-hold their feet to the fire and make them comply, clean up and fix THEIR problem. NOT cause problems for others!!!

Thank you for your full attention to this extremely important and time sensitive matter! Cynthia J Keaton

Adams township/South Madison county very concerned resident!

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**Date:** Sunday, December 15, 2024 2:11:06 AM

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Name: Marlene Carey

Email: marlene@careyforward.me

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Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: Anderson Municipal Water Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am a resident of Madison County and am writing to submit a comment about the matter presented by Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171. I live 1-1/2 miles from the location where Anderson plans to build a new water treatment facility. I am a recently retired former Anderson business leader, where I served on many Boards and conducted several focus groups. I am very familiar with the issues and opinions of the community.

Anderson's decision to place a water treatment facility in this location is odd. They would be using prime land at the Gateway to Anderson where the original strategic plan had been to place businesses that would welcome visitors and travelers. This decision and others they have made recently do not comply with their current Comprehensive Plan. The land adjacent to this proposed water treatment facility is zoned Industrial-3. I was told earlier this year by Neal McKee, Director of the Water Department, that it would be dangerous to have an industrial-3 designated facility next to a water pumping station, due to the risk of pollution. There is also a creek and many wetlands near it. Just south of this area, it is a mix of rural and residential and homes have wells.

For the past several years, Anderson representatives have been contacting people in our area to seek permission to drill on their property. At the time, they said they were seeking to put a well house in this location so they could access the aquifer because "Nestle needs the water." The majority of landowners declined permission. I specifically told the Economic Development Director we did not want a well house near our property. In January this year Anderson Economic Development was attempting to place an asphalt shingle plant on the Industrial-3 property adjacent to the water treatment facility land. It ended up that this plant had a terrible reputation for violating environmental laws and would be emitting chemicals known to cause cancer. Due to community pressure, the City backed out of the deal. At the time, the City was not transparent with area landowners about the business they were planning to bring in. They told one of the landowners the land was needed to provide water to Nestle. It's partially because of the lack of transparency and irresponsible decisions the City has made that I am wary of their accessing the aquifer that services our area. I also have concerns about overuse of water. When Anderson brought Nestle to the community, they made many concessions. Nestle has a reputation globally for exploiting groundwater, diminishing water resources and putting profits ahead of local community needs. We already know that our area will experience exponential growth from the West as Pendleton grows. This will automatically put pressure on water resources. We don't need additional pressure on the same resource from Anderson.

Because Indiana Annexation guidelines state that a City that provides utility services will often seek annexation of the area, I am additionally concerned about future efforts by Anderson to annex our land and put in additional development. Their attempt to place the asphalt shingle plant next to a nursing home, creek, and residential property tells me I can't trust them to make decisions that will be in the best interest of those who already live in the area. We currently reside in one of Indiana's best school systems. Anderson's school system does not have a good reputation.

Annexation of our property by Anderson would likely decline property values. I am confident that they will push for more development. Anderson has many vacant factories that are brownfields. Instead of cleaning those up and marketing them, they are pushing to annex and place industry outside the city limits where land is less expensive. I have led and attended many focus groups over the years where participants have asked that Anderson clean up their polluted areas first. There are so many blighted areas and empty factories. Anderson has ignored those pleas and instead has chosen to seek development of farmland and other vacant properties.

I have recently become aware that a Registered Professional Engineer testified to the IURC that Anderson wants to access this new water supply and build the new water treatment plant because Anderson's current water resources have decreased production and are polluted. I am appalled that Anderson has never disclosed this pollution to area residents and--instead of cleaning up this mess that they allowed--is now trying to access a new water resource that they could potentially pollute and diminish. It is not right that they ignore their responsibility to address the contamination--which is a designated Superfund. The Superfund cleanup process should be followed. Anderson should accept responsibility and use the money they have for clean-up instead of building a new water treatment plant and forcing Anderson residents to pay for it through increased utility bills. (Anderson's poverty rate is 21.8%--much higher than Indiana's 12% rate.) Anderson has a very poor record for environmental responsibility. I am aware of the 1999 Fish Kill incident. They should not be allowed to continue to get away with shirking responsibility. If they adversely impact our wells, we have very little recourse because we are comprised of unincorporated towns and rural areas.

I am asking that you ensure Anderson is held responsible to clean up their mess. Please deny Anderson's request to access the aquifer that serves our area; don't allow them to build a new water treatment facility in this area and don't allow them to raise utility rates. Thank you for your consideration.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Timothy Kline

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Title: Mr.

Name: Timothy Kline

Email: hickoryhillapps@aol.com

Phone: (765) 620-9040 Address: 1588 E 600 S

Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: New well drilling on south side of Anderson

Type of Inquiry: General Inquiry Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Madison county and am writing to submit a request to comment in the matter presented by Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171.

I have been informed that this utility company wants to increase rates for its consumers in order to relocate its well fields and water plant. The reason the City of Anderson Municipal Water is seeking new well sites and a new plant facility is directly related to the quality of the water at their current sites. They do not require more water for public need. Therefore the public should not be adversely impacted by the municipality's costs incurred to clean it up. Those costs must be directed back to the sources of contamination instead.

The EPA describes the matter of contamination found in the municipal water supply. IDEM identified facilities that would be responsible. The process for the Superfund cleanup needs to be followed.

The request for rate increases to the residents of this city are an unjust burden placed on the public. Federal law provides a relief for this and this would be the proper course for Anderson Municipal Water to serve the citizens of Anderson and public nearby the city. The contamination is the responsibility of Anderson Municipal Water to address through proper remediation and cleanup, rather than abandoning the site to move to a new clean source. How will the city ensure this is cleaned up and remediated if the IURC determines they can instead make the citizens foot the bill. It is our belief that the IURC can and should deny the rate increases requested as these are unreasonable and unfair costs to levy on the citizens. The citizens and public must demand better from this utility supplier.

We want to ensure our water supply is not adversely impacted and our wells remain functional. With the unincorporated community and the incorporated towns outside of Anderson, there is no way to treat the water should further development cause contamination to the water in this area. Anderson must be responsible for resolving the issue within it's district before being granted authority to expand and leave the public with the high costs and diminished supply.

Signed: Timothy Kline

From: <u>Isaac Evans</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Isaac Evans - Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171

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Respectfully,

Isaac C. Evans

 From:
 Pam Martin

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 Pam Martin - CAUSE # 46171

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## **Jeff and Pamela Martin**

6928 Knoll Crest Way Pendleton, IN 46064 (317) 442-0632 Pmzm123@yahoo.com

March 13, 2025

## **OUCC/Public Comments**

115 West Washington Street Suite 1500 South Indianapolis, IN 46204

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to express our firm opposition to the proposed drilling of wells in south Madison County (Cause#46171) for commercial use in our area. This project poses a significant risk to the water supply of approximately tens of thousands of residents, whose private wells serve as their primary source of water.

Without a comprehensive and independent impact study, there is no assurance that our wells will not be negatively affected. The potential for over-extraction could lead to severe depletion of our groundwater levels, resulting in residents losing access to their own water sources. If our wells run dry, we are deeply concerned that we may be forced to connect to city water—potentially at our own expense—placing an undue financial burden on homeowners who have relied on private wells for years.

# We strongly urge that:

- 1. A full hydrological impact study be conducted by an independent reputable agency before any further action is taken.
- 2. Clear accountability measures be established, ensuring that if our wells are negatively affected, the responsible entity provides full restitution, including well restoration/making them deeper or full financial coverage for city water connections.
- 3. Public engagement and transparency be re**prioritized** in all decision-making processes, ensuring community concerns are heard and addressed before granting any drilling permits..

Water is a fundamental resource that sustains our homes, businesses, and livelihoods. Recklessly endangering our groundwater supply without proper safeguards is unacceptable. We urge decision-makers to consider the long-term consequences of this project and take responsible action to protect our community's water security.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

**Jeff and Pamela Martin** 

From: <u>Caitlin Haskett</u>
To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Caitlin Haskett - Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171

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Signed:

V. Caitlin Haskett

From: Christine Dudley
To: UCC Consumer Info

**Subject:** Christine Dudley - Anderson Water Rate Increase

**Date:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:47:57 PM

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I am writing with concern regarding the proposed water rate increase. I live in southeastern Madison County. My understanding is the proposed new well field will be located in or near my township and tap into the same aquifer many of our wells pull from. We are concerned about the impact on our local private wells by a municipality tapping into the same aquifer. Anderson, as I understand, has enough water, but some of their wells are contaminated. It is our preference that the water from the contaminated wells be treated in such a way that it is safe to drink. This will still require a rate increase.

Christine Dudley

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Charles Pluhar

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Title: Mr.

Name: Charles Pluhar

Email: cmpjr007@gmail.com Phone: (765) 602-3223 Address: 6267 S 450 E

Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Anderson city water, cause#46171

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please either vote NO to cause 46171 or at least give more time for residents in the area that are considered in the "expanded water territory" for Anderson water and subsequent building of treatment plants and the drilling of wells. I was specifically told by an Anderson city council woman (in fact she repeated it 3 or 4 times to me and a few neighbors) that Anderson was simply expanding its water territory and THIS WAS NOTHING FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT. I was actually surprised that a utility could come into another territory where other residents had property with wells and basically take over the water beneath their feet, and we have been told that if our current wells go dry, our only recourse is to have a new one drilled at the cost of at least \$20,000. This causes many red flags to go up for me and I am very worried that our property value will go way down and we will be having to pay out a lot of money. I've been told that Nestle uses one million gallons of water a day and wants to expand, and this is part of Anderson's water problems. The water beneath us is all interconnected, so if there is a problem it is going to be widespread. So while Nestle's shareholders get rich, we will be paying big time. I would also like an accounting of the ARP federal funds that Anderson is suppose to be using to help this problem. They got millions of dollars. They should fix their water problems without causing problems for their neighbors. It is not fair or nice. How would you like a utility to do this to you? No one in this area is for Anderson expansion into our area, but I think it is getting a slow response because of the way they are promoting it as "nothing we need to worry about" and we do not have a good paper out here for everyone to get information and Facebook is not something everyone uses either. PLEASE GIVE US A CHANCE TO PROTECT OUR PROPERTY AND NOT BE BULLIED BY A NEIGHBOR IN TROUBLE. NOTE FROM CHARLES: I bought this property and started my home in 1979. It is on 10 acres here in Adams Township off of 450 E, north of highway 36, and it took most of my working career to pay off the property and home. In fact, I continue to improve the property. I would be devastated if this water grab would jeopardize my lifestyle here. I'm just one of many who oppose this take over of Anderson.

Thank you for your consideration.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Clint Kline

**Date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 7:17:33 PM

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Title:

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Phone: (812) 552-4363 Address: 1676 E 600 S

Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: Anderson Municipal Water Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Field Hearing - Cause #46171

This letter is on my behalf, and I am not a customer of Anderson Municipal Water.

#### Good evening,

I have been a life long Anderson resident aside from college and 6 years in Columbus IN. I am the third generation to build and live on a small farm south of Anderson. We have been blessed to be able to call this home and to raise our children. Our area has numerous artesian wells including the well at our home. I am writing as a concerned resident and citizen about the city of Anderson coming to the farthest southern edge of the city to drill additional wells which could directly impact our water supply. From what I have been able to read and research Anderson has contaminated one of their primary wells and instead of rectifying the issue is wanting to drill additional wells. I have a couple concerns around this approach. My first concern is that the city of Anderson could contaminate this new well, which could also contaminate our well water. The second concern is that the additional water usage could have an impact on our water supply and aquifer possibly dropping our water level and eliminating our artesian well which would result in us having to drill a new and deeper wells. We are not part of the city of Anderson, nor want to be. We chose to live in the country away from the city and do not wish to rely on any city services including water.

Respectfully, Clint Kline

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jill Wise

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Title: Mrs. Name: Jill Wise

Email: wisejill@ymail.com Phone: (765) 623-6860 Address: 205 Ladino Lane

Pendleton IN 46064

Utilities: Purposed Well Field Curry & Assoc

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Preliminary Eng Rpt Curry & Assoc Well Field & Treatment. Couldnt find an Impact Study. At very least- Impact Study needed with assurance if restitution if this causes harm to home owners in affected areas (10-20 miles away) 13,333-20,000 households. Please hear our concerns on this purposed well field.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Larry mccorkle

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Name: Larry mccorkle Email: bill.mccorkle@101.us Phone: (765) 617-2555 Address: 3738 e 950s

Markelville

IN 46064

Utilities: Anderson water Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I own multiple rural properties in Adams township and fear that the city of Anderson will not be good Stewards of the wells they want to drill! No studies have been done or released as to the impact it would have on the rural wells for Adams township residents! Anderson didn't protect their wells they have now and won't fix them so they want to tap into and control our water supply! The companies that Anderson wants to supply water to use lots of water and could deplete water level in the area and rural residents wells will be costly to replace and we simply can't afford to .

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Matthew Gustin

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Title: Mr.

Name: Matthew Gustin

Email: mattyg877@yahoo.com

Phone: Address: Anderson IN 46011

Utilities: Anderson Water Dept. Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I live just outside of the City of Anderson Incorporated boundary and on a well. I am concerned about the proposed water territory project that would affect people who are on wells. I am not in favor of this at this time until an impact study is made available to the public that shows how private wells will be affected by this project.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Nancy Marie Moore

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Nancy Marie Moore Email: flyersfan17@yahoo.com

Phone: (765) 425-1176

Address: Markleville IN

46056

Utilities: Anderson Municipal Water Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: This is a comment on the IURC Public Field Hearing Cause #46171.

While we do not live in Anderson, the city of Anderson is potentially seeking to annex water rights over to Rt 36 in Markleville, so this potentially effects us. My husband and I have been residents at the same location for 13 years now, and we are not interested in annexation by Anderson. The new "well field" as we understand it will access our aquifer without annexing, so a sneaky way of accessing our resources. We are not in favor of well fields accessing water past the Anderson town limit.

With regard to potential rate increase by Anderson Municipal water, we are against the proposed increase which apparently will double the rates between today and Jan 2029. The utility should have been better stewards of their resources and should look to cost cutting prior to proposing rate hikes. If there are business customers who deplete the supply at a significantly higher rate, these commercial customers should be charged, or possibly have their water volume limited, in order to not drain aquifer supply for the current well fields. Water distribution line upkeep should be budgeted for on a regular basis and maintained so that there is not a huge capitol need from pipelines and treatment plants falling into disrepair. If these were handled with good stewardship, they would be replaced incrementally over time.

A slight rate increase per year makes sense, perhaps 1-2% a year. Over a large customer base surely this will reasonably provide the resource needed to cover any improvements without so steeply hiking the rates in a short period. A 1-2% rate increase will be more in line with the merit increases (and therefore income to cover the cost) for the residents in Anderson and would be reasonable.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Sheba Batin

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Sheba Batin

Email: shebabatin@gmail.com

Phone:

Address: 5121 Perry Ave

Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: Water

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Madison county and am writing to submit a request to intervene in the matter presented by Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171.

I have been informed that this utility company wants to increase rates for its consumers in order to relocate its well fields and water plant. The reason the City of Anderson Municipal Water is seeking new well sites and a new plant facility is directly related to the quality of the water at their current sites. They do not require more water for public need. Therefore the public should not be adversely impacted by the municipality's costs incurred to clean it up. Those costs must be directed back to the sources of contamination instead.

The EPA describes the matter of contamination found in the municipal water supply. IDEM identified facilities that would be responsible. The process for the Superfund cleanup needs to be followed.

The request for rate increases to the residents of this city are an unjust burden placed on the public. Federal law provides a relief for this and this would be the proper course for Anderson Municipal Water to serve the citizens of Anderson and public nearby the city. The contamination is the responsibility of Anderson Municipal Water to address through proper remediation and cleanup, rather than abandoning the site to move to a new clean source.

How will the city ensure this is cleaned up and remediated if the IURC determines they can instead make the citizens foot the bill. It is our belief that the IURC can and should deny the rate increases requested as these are unreasonable and unfair costs to levy on the citizens. The citizens and public must demand better from this utility supplier.

We want to ensure our water supply is not adversely impacted and our wells remain functional. With the unincorporated community and the incorporated towns outside of Anderson, there is no way to treat the water should further development cause contamination to the water in this area. Anderson must be responsible for resolving the issue within it's district before being granted authority to expand and leave the public with the high costs and diminished supply.

Signed: Sheba Batin

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Sonja Dalton

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Name: Sonja Dalton

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Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: IURC Cause No. 46171 — Anderson

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I object to drilling into the aquifer that supplies South Madison county residential wells. I am concerned for myself & neighbors that our water supply & wells will be adversely affected.

I object to Anderson essentially stealing our natural resources without consideration for the harm it is likely to do to rural communities. Especially since we suspect the water is for Nestle who (as I understand it?) pays no taxes or utilities in this community.

I object to the astounding proposed rate increases for Anderson residents, many or most of whom are low to moderate income households, already struggling.

Finally, Anderson has not fulfilled its obligation to remediate existing utilities problems. Residents consistently report non-potable brown, smelly water. Power supply is inconsistent.

Hold Anderson accountable!

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Sonja Dalton

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Name: Sonja Dalton

Email: dcsalgk@yahoo.com Phone: (317) 373-3244

Address: Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Case 46147 — Anderson — Water Territory Expansion

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I oppose the expansion of city of Anderson's water acquisition into south Madison county.

I object to drilling into the aquifer that supplies South Madison county residential wells. I am concerned for myself & neighbors that our water supply & wells will be adversely affected — drained dry &/or contaminated.

I object to Anderson essentially stealing our natural resources without consideration for the harm it is likely to do to rural communities.

We are rural, thus we don't want to be part of the city or city utilities.

Moreover, Anderson apparently has not fulfilled its obligation to remediate known serious problems. Anderson should be held accountable to clean up the city's contaminated sites, deal with pfas & other toxic chemicals, pursue reimbursement from offenders, upgrade their current filters/treatment, & provide clean water to city residents — without robbing the aquifer that services rural wells. Residents consistently report non-potable brown, smelly water. Power supply is inconsistent. Why would you approve any expansion when they clearly have not managed current resources?

Please do Not agree to this expansion.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Susan Marie Pluhar

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Name: Susan Marie Pluhar Email: sksu1982@gmail.com Phone: (765) 465-2738 Address: 6267 S. 450 E.

Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Anderson City Water, Anderson, Indiana, Cause 46171

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Please either vote NO to cause 46171 or at least give more time to respond for residents in the area that are considered in the "expanded water territory" for Anderson water and subsequent building of treatment plants and the drilling of wells. I was specifically told by a city of Anderson council person (in fact she repeated it 3 or 4 times to me and a few neighbors) that Anderson was simply expanding its water territory and THIS WAS NOTHING FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT. i was actually surprised that a utility could come into another territory where other residents had property with wells and basically take over the water beneath their feet, and we have been told that if our current wells go dry, our only recourse is to have a new one drilled at the cost of at least \$20,000. This causes many red flags to go up for me and I am very worried that our property value will go way down and we will be having to pay out a lot of money. I've been told that Nestle uses one million gallons of water a day and wants to expand, and this is part of Anderson's water problems. The water beneath us is all interconnected, so if there is a problem it is going to be widespread. So while Nestle's shareholders get rich, we will be paying big time. I would also like an accounting of the ARP federal funds that Anderson is suppose to be using to help this problem. They got millions of dollars from the federal government. They should fix their water problems without causing problems for their neighbors. It is not fair or nice. How would you like a utility to do this to you? No one in this area is for Anderson expansion into our area, but I think it is getting a slow response because of the way they are promoting it as "nothing we need to worry about" and we do not have a good paper out here for everyone to get information and Facebook is not something everyone uses either. PLEASE GIVE US A CHANCE TO PROTECT OUR PROPERTY AND NOT BE BULLIED BY A NEIGHBOR IN TROUBLE. Thank you for your consideration.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Thomas Heath

**Date:** Friday, March 7, 2025 2:10:52 PM

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Name: Thomas Heath

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Phone: (765) 617-0093 Address: 1827 E. 600 S.

Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: City of Anderson Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am adamantly against Anderson building a new water treatment plant and drilling wells on the south side of town. They are still in debt and don't take care of the treatment plants and wells they already have. Residents will nit be able to afford the increased rates. Industry like Nestle need to pay for the water they use instead of making the residents pay for it. I live 2 miles from the site they are proposing and know that our water table will drop and our wells could go dry. It is not fair that residents (retired or not) would have to cover that expense and trouble. I thank you for your consideration and hope you will deny the proposed water treatment plant and the drilling of new wells.

From: Kelly Moore
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Kelly Moore - Public Input Anderson Water

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 3:17:32 PM

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Hello.

We are opposing Water Territory Expansion — 46167

We are against the water territory expansion due to the impact it may have on our homestead well and our community members' as well.

We would request that the city of Anderson first clean up their current wells, using the funding already received to do so, and utilize the aquifers to the fullest extent possible before asking to expand and access additional water tables with potential negative impact to those not involved with city water at all.

It is an irresponsible practice to 'ruin' something or fail to maintain it, then move on and 'make another mess' somewhere else at the expense of county citizens who purposefully choose well water.

If our well water is impacted, and no impact studies have been done, and no assurances have been made to keep our wells safe and plentiful, many residents will combine to resort to legal action and we will be a part of that.

We do not simply want to 'receive city water' as an option or compensation.

We want our wells and we should not have to have new ones drilled deeper because the city has not done their due diligence in maintaining the integrity of their current water sources.

Thank you for reading and considering our input.

Greg and Kelly Moore 8075 S 300 E Markleville, IN 46056 From: Mary Rudynski
To: Rivera, Olivia

Subject: Mary Rudynski - Water

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#### Hello,

I live in the Markleville area in the country, right outside of Anderson. We moved here for the beautiful sunsets and retirement, plus took us 5 years to get our home together because we have a handicap daughter. We never imagined just because of a big company that they would have to make another water supply place near our home. No company has the right to drain our supplies they can ship in their own water or fix the Anderson public water supply not make another mess. We don't pay our taxes to be taken over by big companies. How many homeowners do you think can afford to re-drill deeper for Wells. Please stop this.

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>Jan Mock</u>

To: <u>UCC Consumer Info</u>

Subject: Jan Mock - Access to Aquifers in Madison County

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 7:24:44 PM

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Before I get to the form letter, I want you to know that I do not believe that Anderson or any other municipality should have the rights to the auqifer that supplies my home water source. My understanding is that Anderson and Nestlé need more water. We'll, don't take mine. Nestlé does not need to bottle water, people can get it out of the tap and filter it if need be. Not to mention all the plastics that go into our dumps because of this unnecessary bottled water. I understand they use it for other products. However, I do not understand selling out all of the local people and the natural lives we try to live to keep a business here that does not care about the local people.

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Madison county and am writing to submit a request to intervene in the matter presented by Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171.

I have been informed that this utility company wants to increase rates for its consumers in order to relocate its well fields and water plant. The reason the City of Anderson Municipal Water is seeking new well sites and a new plant facility is directly related to the quality of the water at their current sites. They do not require more water for public need. Therefore the public should not be adversely impacted by the municipality's costs incurred to clean it up. Those costs must be directed back to the sources of contamination instead.

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We want to ensure our water supply is not adversely impacted and our wells remain

functional. With the unincorporated community and the incorporated towns outside of Anderson, there is no way to treat the water should further development cause contamination to the water in this area. Anderson must be responsible for resolving the issue within it's district before being granted authority to expand and leave the public with the high costs and diminished supply.

Jan Mock

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OR use this link to submit your concerns via their web form.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Brenda M. Roberts

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Phone: (765) 602-7525 Address: 603 Milton Ave.

Anderson IN 46012

Utilities: Anderson city Utilities Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am not for the Cause #46171

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Cynthia Hand

**Date:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 11:04:43 PM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Cynthia Hand

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Phone: (765) 610-4425 Address: 1570 E 500 S

Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: Anderson water rate increase Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: We live right behind where this is happening and we don't want this to mess with our well water! We don't have the money to dig our well deeper! We don't want this...fix the anderson water that is already there!

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Debbie Saunders

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Name: Debbie Saunders

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Phone: (765) 635-5748

Address: Marklevilke IN

46056

Utilities: Anderson

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Clean up your mess made in Anderson- before tainting & taking our water.. you didn't maintain and clean PFAS from your system- don't muck up another aguaifor leaving it in useable!!! Stay. In. Anderson.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Elaine Heath

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Name: Elaine Heath

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Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: City of Anderson Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: We are very much opposed to a new water treatment plant and well field! Anderson has not been diligent in taking care of their current facilities and are in debt already for them. Anderson residents will not be able to afford the rate increases and it will put a strain on schools and not profits. Also, we live less than 2 miles from the proposed new plant site. Our water table will decrease significantly and will eventually dry up our wells. We thank you for your consideration in this matter and deny their new plant and well drilling.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jarren Casstevens

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Title: Mr.

Name: Jarren Casstevens

Email: cassperformancellc@gmail.com

Phone: (765) 639-2260

Address: 4437 S County Road 450 E

Middletown

IN 47356

Utilities: Anderson Water Expansion Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Us out in the country who have wells do not want or need the City of Anderson drilling and potentially draining our wells. Most of us out here have farms with livestock that require lots of water, we do not want to be limited due to the city depleting our supply and damaging our wells. We also do not want city water. Please put a show to this!!

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jeri Keesling

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Jeri Keesling

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Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Anderson Muncipal Water Rate case

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Wanting to take our water from wells we have dug ourselves and paid for is not right. We found property out of Anderson, to get away from Anderson. We love it out here and don't want any part of it. Someone did not do their job, or jobs, for it to come down to draining our water from wells we have had dug and paid for. Find your own water supply in Anderson and fix the problem. We are not happy about this at all.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jerry Estelle

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Title: Mr.

Name: Jerry Estelle

Email: jerryandpam@gmail.com

Phone: (765) 621-0280

Address: Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: Water rate case 46171 Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I believe it is unfair to the residents of Anderson to have to pay an increase so that the Nestles company can use the water from our wells that will then go dry. This is why the need for more water is necessary since the population has shrunk and the majority of the people are either retired or low income

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Jill Fesler Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 11:32:21 AM

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Title: Mrs.

Name: Jill Fesler

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Pendleton IN 46064

Utilities: City of Anderson Indiana Water expansion

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I am against the City of Anderson In. accessing water aquifers in Adams Township, southeast corner of

Madison County. They need to clean up the water sources they already have.

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Laura Harless

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Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Water

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Hello. I've lived in Anderson and Markleville my entire life. I've seen how Anderson has mismanaged the water treatment system for decades. Now, they want to expand territory to continue in this incompetence into my area. I'm on a well that I've spent thousands of dollars to repair. If Anderson drains the water from my area, what happens to me? I don't have thousands of extra dollars to dig deeper or drill a new well. I'm very concerned this money is going to a company with a poor track record of using water appropriately and not ruining the area once they're gone. I am not collateral damage. I've worked hard my whole life to earn what I have. Just know that this decision affects future generations and needs to be considered without a rubber stamp. Thank you for your time.

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Mary A. AND Riley E. LeMay

**Date:** Sunday, March 9, 2025 6:31:31 PM

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Phone: (269) 993-0940 Address: 6518 S. 400 E

Markleville

IN 46056

Utilities: Anderson Municipal Water Type of Inquiry: Case Comment Comments: Cause #46171

We both are OPPOSED TO the construction of a new water treatment plant and well field. We are NOT current customers of this utility, HOWEVER our personal WATER WILL BE IMPACTED if these infrastructure changes go forward! We have a well that is supplied by an aquafer that will be impacted by this new well field. We believe the city of Anderson should repair the current Wheeler Water Treatment Plant which the city was told to do about 10 years ago. We also believe that probably the largest user of Anderson's water supply (Nestle) should fund the repairs to the Wheeler Water Treatment Plant.

Thank you,

Riley and Mary LeMay

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Michael W Kirby/ Lisa Kirby

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Title: Mr.

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Markleville

IN 46054

Utilities: Anderson water expansion/anexation

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: My wife and I have lived at the above address for 15 years, we have a well...we are adamantly opposed to Anderson expanding the water district so that Nestle/Anderson can steal our water and sell it back to us 16 ounces at a time...DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN! This is not acceptable, and we will fight this in court if we have too!

**Subject:** Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Susan Manis

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Title: Ms.

Name: Susan Manis

Email: rubbasmom@gmail.com

Phone: (765) 620-6862

Address: Anderson IN 46013

Utilities: Anderson municipal water rate

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: I do not want or need my water rate to increase! I paid into sewage for years while I had a septic tank and know many more people that have done the same. That's being a thief! I have a hard time paying utilities the way it is being on a fixed income. I understand that we will be paying more money with less benefit of water pressure. I believe there is something more productive and beneficial that could be done than building another treatment plant. How about these people pray for wisdom and understanding before jumping into this new project that will affect so many people on fixed incomes and the many people with very low incomes. This is not a GM city any more so think about the non wealthy folks struggling to make ends meet. Thank you!

Subject: Form Submission - OUCC Contact Form: Wayne Hensley

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Title: Mr.

Name: Wayne Hensley

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Phone: Address: Markleville IN

46056

Utilities: Anderson City

Type of Inquiry: Case Comment

Comments: Cause #46171. Totally against this moving foreword. They have a long history of waste and corruption. Now they want to reach out and harm others outside their jurisdiction (wells that will be affected) and have decent people pick up the tab for their debt and mismanagement. All to keep Nestles happy and supplied. How about considering the citizens first? Put the responsibility of ANY negative affects squarely on Nestles back BEFORE any of this. That would change the direction of all this.

From: Wayne Filbrun
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Wayne Filbrun - Water Rate Case

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:30:46 PM

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To whom it may concern,

Please note, In reference to the upcoming water decisions. I am opposed to changing the city limits boundary and any test drilling in the outside areas. I'm also opposed to Nestlé desire to increase their specific water needs, and those of us in rural areas needing to give up our land, and water to fill the extra need.

Thank you

Wayne Filbrun

From: Amy Gustin
To: UCC Consumer Info

Subject: Amy Gustin - Re: Automatic reply: Docket case 46171 Anderson City Water Municipality

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:07:48 PM
Attachments: National Priority listing for Anderson.pdf

2024-12-11 Signatures Opposing Docket Case 46171.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

The citizens of south Madison county are submitting a request to intervene in the matter presented by Anderson Municipal Water, case 46171.

Please find the attached statement and signatures of 143 Indiana residents in Madison County who wish to voice their concern about this proposal before the commission.

The supporting document from the EPA describes the matter of contamination found in the municipal water supply.

The request for rate increases to the residents of this city are an unjust burden placed on the public. The EPA has a process where the facilities identified as the source of contamination (IDEM states at least 5 could be identified), should be paying for remediation and held accountable. Federal law provides a relief for this and this would be the proper course for Anderson Municipal Water to serve the citizens of Anderson and public nearby the city. The contamination is the responsibility of Anderson Municipal Water to address through proper remediation and cleanup, rather than abandoning the site to move to a new clean source.

How will the city ensure this is cleaned up and remediated if the city is relieved of the burden. It is our belief that the IURC can and should deny the rate increases requested as these are unreasonable and unfair costs to levy on the citizens. The citizens and public must demand better from this utility supplier.

Sincerely, Amy Gustin

On Wed, Dec 11, 2024 at 5:57 PM UCC Consumer Info <uccinfo@oucc.in.gov> wrote:



# **NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST (NPL)**

\*\*\*NPL Site\*\*\*

September 2018

# BROADWAY STREET CORRIDOR Anderson, Indiana GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION Madison County

### **b** Site Location:

The Broadway Street Corridor Groundwater Contamination site consists of comingled plumes of chlorinated substances that have contaminated the groundwater in the city of Anderson, Indiana. The plume has contaminated one of the city's two municipal well fields.

## Site History:

The contamination was first discovered in 1992. In 2011, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) reported trace concentrations of trichloroethene (TCE), tetrachloroethene (PCE), and cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2 DCE) in the finished water at the treatment plant and referred the site to IDEM's Site Investigation Program. In 2013, IDEM also found vinyl chloride in raw water. Despite several investigations in the area, the origin of the contaminants is unknown

#### • Site Contamination/Contaminants:

Untreated water in municipal wells has been found to have concentrations of either TCE, PCE or vinyl chloride at or above their respective drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

# " Potential Impacts on Surrounding Community/Environment:

Area residents are connected to the municipal water supply distribution systems and use municipal water as their drinking water. The contaminated wells provide drinking water to over 12,300 residents in Anderson, Indiana. The water is blended and treated before it is distributed to residents.

# P Response Activities (to date):

IDEM has identified approximately five active and former facilities that could be contributing to the contamination. There are no past or current cleanup response actions at the site. Since 1999, the city has been treating the water with air strippers to reduce contaminant levels to below the Safe Drinking Water Act MCLs.

# Need for NPL Listing:

The state of Indiana referred the site to the EPA because the site requires further investigation and long term cleanup. Other federal and state cleanup programs were evaluated but are not viable at this time. The EPA received a letter of support for placing this site on the NPL from the state.

[The description of the site (release) is based on information available at the time the site was evaluated with the HRS. The description may change as additional information is gathered on the sources and extent of contamination. See 56 FR 5600, February 11, 1991, or subsequent FR notices]

The signatures on the attached page are represented by Residents for Better Choices. We are a non-profit entity formed by residents of South Madison County. We provide education and research regarding matters affecting public welfare in our community. We want citizens to be informed about matters that affect them so they can make better choices.

The residents of South Madison County are concerned about the City of Anderson's water territory expansion and plans to relocate Anderson's water treatment plant to land on 67<sup>th</sup> Street and State Road 109. We oppose their accessing the aquifer that services South Madison County. According to testimony by Lori Young, Registered Professional Engineer, to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Anderson wants to access this new water supply and build this new treatment facility because their current water resources (Wheeler WTP and Ranney and Norton well fields) are more than 50 years old, have decreased production, and the Ranney Well Field is a public health concern. The levels of PFOS exceed EPA limits and Anderson must implement remedial measures within five years. Citizens are concerned about the pollution of the current well field (Ranney), which has been designated as a Superfund and placed on the EPA national priority list. The violation was in 2014 and in 10 years Anderson has not fully corrected the issue and has not informed the public of the PFAs limit violations. Rather than installing granular activated carbon treatment facilities to treat the water produced from the Ranney and Norton well fields, Anderson is seeking to find an alternative supply that has not been impacted by the PFAS plume.

Our citizens are concerned that the City of Anderson, instead of addressing their own problem, may now pollute and reduce the water source that services residents of Southeast Madison County. Now that the EPA limit is enforceable, we view this attempt by Anderson as a way to avoid the clean up needed for the contaminated supply at the Ranney well. We believe the public has a right to know and the City of Anderson has a duty to address the contamination. We oppose their planned access and potential pollution and reduction of our important water resource and seek your assistance in correcting this irresponsible plan.

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143 signatures obtained December 11, 2024

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