

2007-00134

Dear Mr. Pratt :

Your latest comments have been received and will be placed into the case file for the commission's consideration as it deliberates in this matter. Thank you for your ongoing interest.

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To the Winchester Sun

My comments are the first comments. Winchester Sun's edited (with many mistakes) version is in italics.

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Regarding Nick Rowe's article " Time for water supply study is over"

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