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Hey Brian,
Thanks again for taking the time to chat the other day. I know tonight's meeting is going to be hectic, but I plan on taking a minute (or three) to discuss some concerns and perspectives about our water use policies.

You asked me the other day about the rate that New Belgium (specifically) pays compared to Asheville residents. From this table (http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/water/rates_fees.htm) you can see that large businesses pay lower rates the more water that is used. That makes sense in the traditional business sense- buying in bulk is cheaper than buying in small units. It should be noted though, that governance can't always operate like a traditional business. Gwen understands that as she's told me that specifically, and I'm sure that you and the rest of Council understand that as well. I have great concerns about giving away the most precious resource on Earth as an economic incentive to industry. Yes, keeping water cheap for business will attract more business that need to keep that cost low. Do we want to court every business there is? Should we be dissuading businesses and industries that want to suck as much water out of the ground as they can? I think so. I think we should be using higher water rates to filter out greedy, heartless companies like Nestle.

I plan on sharing my thoughts tonight, most likely within the three-minute limit of public comment. I know it's going to be a long and contentious evening and I don't want to add to the exhaustion, but if anything I present sparks some thoughts or questions on the issue, I'm happy to engage in any brief dialogue as this conversation really deserves much more time and engagement than I can bring alone this evening.

Thanks again for all you do and taking the time to talk. See you tonight- most likely.

Jonathan