

Monsters Inc. Ethics and Dilemmas

Affirmative group



Opening Statement

The issues of CEO Waternoose are justified and necessary for the success of the company and for upholding Monsters Inc.'s responsibility to power the city. Ensuring the well being of all employees and citizens should be Waternoose's top priority.



Economic and Ethical Implications

- The city needs power, even if it requires dangerous work and temporary exploitation of human children.
- Scream shortage puts the livelihood of the monstropolis citizens at risk leading to a sacrifice of kids well being for the majority of the city.
- It supplies jobs.
- Switching to a new method of energy (laughs) is costly (new employees need to be trained, infrastructure would have to be modified to handle the new power load).
- There would need to be new regulations in place from the government to accomodate for a major change to the companies practices which could get held up in the government and stall economic progress. Which will have an impact on the macroeconomy as this company is clearly a major employer and infrastructure component of the city.
- They were strictly adhering to the regulations provided by the government at first.
- If they abolish the company, there will be a recession resulting in mass unemployment and furthermore there will be a supply shock of Screams causing inflation.



Other Ethical Issues

- Humans kill animals and eat their flesh, the monsters are just harvesting screams.
- The parents clearly aren't affected by the monsters of their childhood, as they don't remember the monsters that scare their children, so it clearly isn't very detrimental to the child.
- It would be wrong to destabilize so many people by taking away their jobs and power.
- The actions they are engaging in are not necessarily unethical by human standards

