

Leighton, Adele

From: Davis, Lori on behalf of PUC
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Leighton, Adele
Subject: FW: Unitil Increase

Hi Adele,

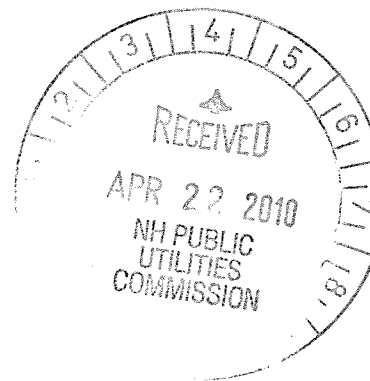
Can you please do your usual with the below complaint regarding Unitil's possible rate increase.

Thanks so much

Lori

-----Original Message-----

From: jderuosi@comcast.net [mailto:jderuosi@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 12:00 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Unitil Increase



I have recently read that Unitil is seeking a price increase of 9% for electric bills. Part of their justification is because revenues have declined due to energy efficiency in homes. Well, EXCUSE ME! Is it not the goal of the country to reduce energy utilization through conservation? Is this what we can look forward to, price increases as we conserve energy? Is it also not true that based on the laws of supply and demand, prices go down when volume decreases, not up? It takes a lot of nerve for this company to ask for an increase. Maybe they should first address their cost structure and implement cost saving programs first like other industrial companies. They might also ask their CEO to give back his bonus to reduce their cost structure.

I can't believe that this request is even being considered. Make them manage their normal ups and downs the way other companies do.

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