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Subject: Docket DE 19-057

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May 30, 2018

NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Ste. 10
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in opposition to the rate increases proposed by Eversource (PUC Docket DE 19-057).

According to the information disseminated by Eversource to its customers (attachment 1), the costs incurred by Eversource have increased 40 to 80 percent since 2008. However, this is vastly out of line with the change in household income in the same time frame (approximately 0.9% increase from 2008 to 2017, attachment 2).

Given Eversource's numbers being so sadly and drastically out of line with the lack of increase in income for New Hampshire residents, I respectfully request their request be denied; and further, that they be required to reduce expenditures to better match the economic reality for New Hampshire residents.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Noll

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE d/b/a
EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Docket No. DE 19-057

Statement to Customers Pursuant to Rule Puc 1203.02(c)

On April 26, 2019, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") filed a proposal to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC") to increase annual base rate revenue by \$33 million effective July 1, 2019. On May 28, 2019, as part of the same overall proposal, Eversource requested an annual increase of an additional \$37 million to take effect during the summer of 2020. Both requests require Commission review and approval, and the approved increase may be different from what has been requested. Additional information about Eversource's requested base rate increases is available on the included overview and on the NHPUC's website at: <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-057.html>.

The effects of Eversource's requested changes to rates are shown below. The actual amounts of the rate changes will be determined by the NHPUC.

Residential Delivery Service Customers (Rates R and R-OTOD)

Based upon Eversource's requested July 1, 2019 rate increase, residential customers would see an average increase in monthly bills of approximately 2.9%. Based upon Eversource's requested summer 2020 rate increase, residential customers would see an average approximate increase in monthly bills of an additional 4.3%.

General Delivery Service Customers (Rates G and G-OTOD)

The monthly bill impact for a Rate G customer will vary based upon demand. Eversource's requested July 1, 2019 rate increase would result in an average increase in monthly bills of approximately 2.5%. Based upon Eversource's requested summer 2020 rate increase, Rate G customers would see an average approximate increase in monthly bills of an additional 1.8%.

General Delivery Service Customers (Rate GV)

The monthly bill impact for a Rate GV customer will vary based upon demand. Eversource's requested July 1, 2019 rate increase would result in an average increase in monthly bills of approximately 1.2%. Based upon Eversource's requested summer 2020 rate increase, Rate GV customers would see an average approximate increase in monthly bills of an additional 0.9%.

General Delivery Service Customers (Rate LG)

The monthly bill impact for a Rate LG customer will vary based upon demand. Eversource's requested July 1, 2019 rate increase would result in an average increase in monthly bills of approximately 0.9%. Based upon Eversource's requested summer 2020 rate increase, Rate LG customers would see an average approximate increase in monthly bills of an additional 0.9%.

Outdoor Lighting Service Customers

Based upon Eversource's requested July 1, 2019 rate increase, outdoor lighting customers would see an average increase in monthly bills of approximately 6.3%. Based upon Eversource's requested summer 2020 rate increase, outdoor lighting customers would see an average approximate decrease in monthly bills of 22.6%.

Additional Rate Review Information Provided by Eversource

Eversource has invested more than \$1 billion in its New Hampshire electric distribution system over the past 10 years and is keenly focused on improving the reliability of service for its customers. These investments have significantly reduced the frequency and duration of power outages and will help enable the integration of cleaner energy resources onto the grid.

To continue making these important investments to modernize the system and to strengthen it so it can withstand increasingly extreme weather, Eversource has filed a rate review request with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) to change its distribution rate.

Why This Request Is Needed

It's been 10 years since Eversource's last distribution rate review. Although costs to build, maintain and serve our customers have increased, the distribution rate has not kept pace with these costs. For example, since 2008, the cost of a utility pole has increased over 40 percent, while other expenses like property taxes on our distribution assets increased by approximately 80 percent.

New Hampshire has experienced extreme weather in recent years, resulting in damage to the system and increased power restoration costs. A distribution rate adjustment will help pay down costs from those major storms.

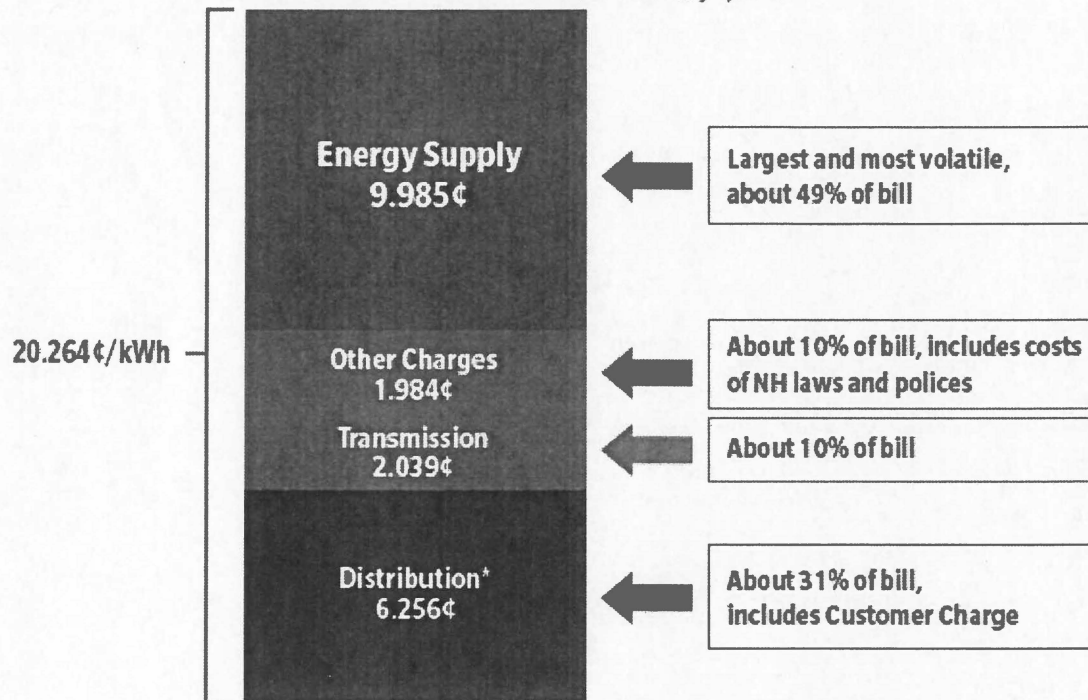
As a heavily forested state, trees remain the biggest threat to the electric system in New Hampshire. Eversource is investing about \$32 million this year in tree trimming and hazard tree removal, compared to \$13 million in 2008.

The company has made significant investments to improve reliability, make the grid more resilient, and automate the system, including installing more than 1,000 smart switches. A distribution rate adjustment will enable continued system investments needed to support the interconnection of clean energy technologies like electric vehicles, distributed generation, and battery storage in the future.

Key Components of Rates

Average Residential Customer (600 kilowatt-hours)

As of February 1, 2019



The Distribution component of the total rates is the focus of Eversource's rate review request to the NHPUC.

May 2019

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New Hampshire Household Income

According to the Census ACS 1-year survey, the **median household income for New Hampshire was \$73,381 in 2017**, the latest figures available. Compared to the median US household income, New Hampshire median household income is \$13,045 higher. 2018 Census ACS data (including 2018 New Hampshire household income numbers) will be released in September of 2019. New Hampshire median family income and per capita income for New Hampshire are shown further down.

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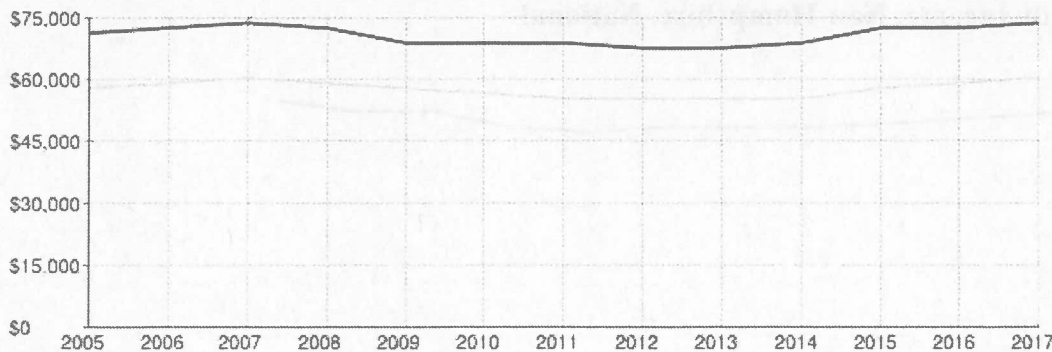
Real Median Household Income in New Hampshire

	2017	1 Year Change	3 Year Change
US	\$60,336	+2.51%	+8.49%
New Hampshire	\$73,381	+1.27%	+6.42%

New Hampshire Real Median Household Income Trends since 2005

The current median household income for New Hampshire is \$73,381. Real median household income peaked in 2007 at \$73,917 and is now \$536 (0.73%) lower. From a post peak low of \$67,686 in 2012, real median household income for New Hampshire has now grown by \$5,695 (8.41%).

Real Median Household Income: New Hampshire, National



Historical Real Median Household Income for New Hampshire

Date US New Hampshire

2017	\$60,336	\$73,381
2016	\$58,856	\$72,462
2015	\$57,709	\$72,741
2014	\$55,613	\$68,957
2013	\$55,072	\$67,699
2012	\$54,948	\$67,686
2011	\$55,162	\$68,428
2010	\$56,388	\$68,777
2009	\$57,519	\$69,368
2008	\$59,382	\$72,738
2007	\$60,135	\$73,917
2006	\$59,051	\$72,740
2005	\$58,185	\$71,430

New Hampshire Family Income

The ACS 1-year survey shows that **the median family income for New Hampshire was \$91,029 in 2017**. Compared to the median US family income, New Hampshire median family income is \$17,138 higher. Like the median household income numbers, 2018 family income data will be released in September of 2019.

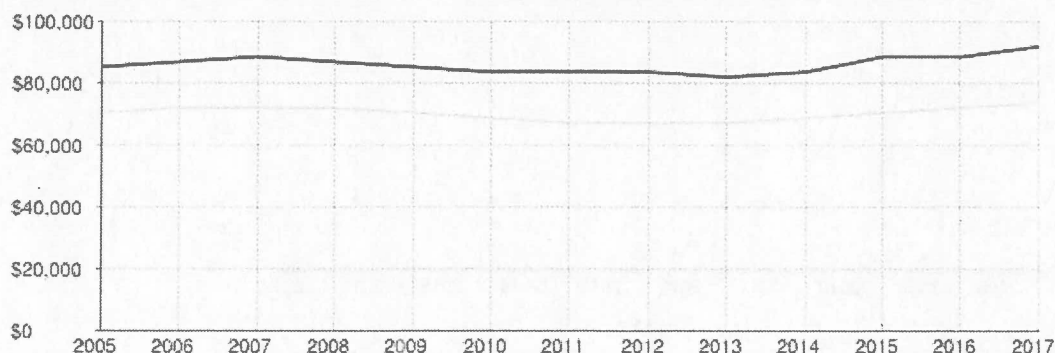
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Real Median Family Income in New Hampshire

	2017	1 Year Change	3 Year Change
US	\$73,891	+1.79%	+8.17%
New Hampshire	\$91,029	+2.79%	+8.99%

New Hampshire Real Median Family Income Trends since 2005

At \$91,029, the median family income for New Hampshire was at a new inflation adjusted high in 2017.

Real Median Family Income: New Hampshire, National

Historical Real Median Family Income for New Hampshire

Date US New Hampshire

2017	\$73,891	\$91,029
2016	\$72,591	\$88,561
2015	\$70,627	\$88,851
2014	\$68,313	\$83,518
2013	\$67,488	\$81,839
2012	\$66,880	\$83,991
2011	\$67,126	\$83,679
2010	\$68,289	\$84,091
2009	\$69,958	\$84,588
2008	\$72,321	\$87,551
2007	\$72,500	\$88,442
2006	\$71,330	\$86,747
2005	\$70,252	\$84,750

New Hampshire Per Capita Income

The ACS survey shows the median per capita income for New Hampshire was \$38,237 in 2017. Compared to the US per capita income, New Hampshire per capita income is \$5,840 higher. Per capita income numbers for 2018 will be released in September of 2019.

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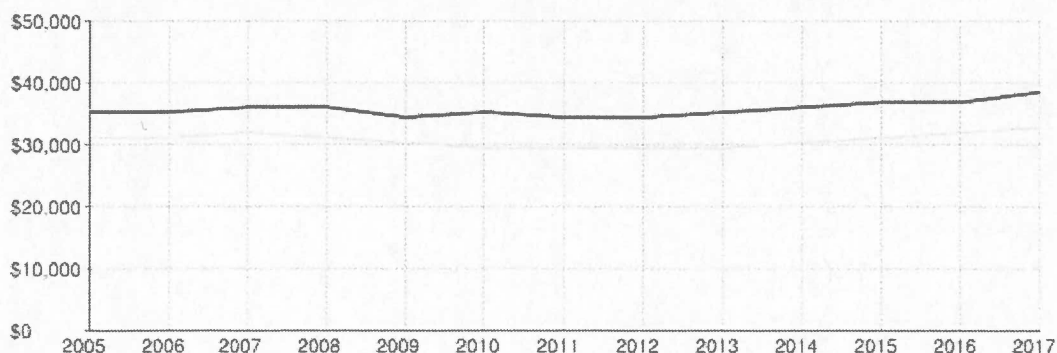
Real Per Capita Income in New Hampshire

	2017	1 Year Change	3 Year Change
US	\$32,397	+1.88%	+8.20%
New Hampshire	\$38,237	+3.06%	+6.34%

New Hampshire Real Per Capita Income Trends since 2005

At \$38,237, the per capita income for New Hampshire was at a new inflation adjusted high in 2017.

Real Per Capita Income: New Hampshire, National



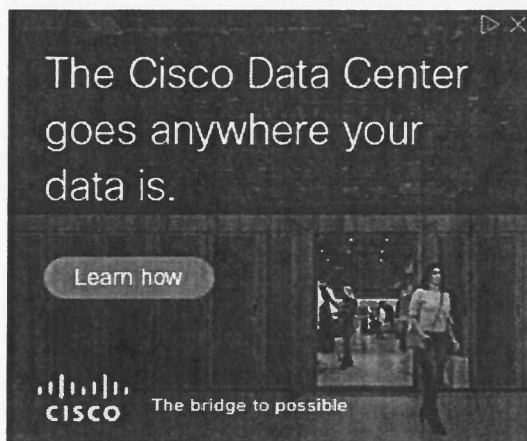
Historical Real Per Capita Income for New Hampshire

Date	US	New Hampshire
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2017	\$32,397	\$38,237
2016	\$31,798	\$37,101
2015	\$31,019	\$37,171
2014	\$29,942	\$35,956
2013	\$29,706	\$35,066
2012	\$29,221	\$34,443
2011	\$29,173	\$34,812
2010	\$29,361	\$34,871
2009	\$30,246	\$34,813
2008	\$31,488	\$35,798
2007	\$31,629	\$36,167
2006	\$30,795	\$35,135
2005	\$31,501	\$35,485

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