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Liberty has been recently granted a rate increase that effectively doubled consumer electric bills.

That sting is still hurting.

Also, it seems that of the four major electric utility providers in NH, Liberty is already the most costly for consumers. For a 384 kWh bill, Unitil comes in at about \$88 (according to the sample bill from this past April on their website). NH Elec Co-op is about \$115, Eversource about \$118 and Liberty \$139. Due to the effective rate dates per utility, the dollar amounts may differ, but the order should be the same.

Not sure what Liberty is doing or not doing to come in so high, but before any increase is granted, it would seem that they need to bring their costs in line. (For what it's worth, Liberty seems to punish, rather than reward those that had the fore-sight and initiative to install solar. They do not give a one-for-one credit for energy received. For a company that constantly reminds users how bad their usage is compared to "efficient neighbors", they don't give full credit to those that are serious about reducing their usage.)

If nothing else, Liberty needs an attitude adjustment and until such time they can better manage the rates, this rate request should be denied.

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