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**To:** PUC

**Subject:** DW10091 Proposed Temp Rate Increase is adding toward killing the public and their use of water

Hi Debra,

I am sorry I did not attend the Public meeting, it slipped my radar. I VOTE NO to raising rates so Pennichuck can continue to raise costs on the consumer in order to raise their "under Earnings" ROI. I wish I could raise my "under earnings" by raising my rents. The biggest uncontrollable and growing operating cost for me is water and local taxes. 30 yr mortgages are fixed, routine maintenance on the whole is manageable.

The bigger question is why don't we redefine the rules of a regulated monopoly to include incentives to reduce costs to keep the same earnings percent also encourage competition like in the gas pipeline business. Currently, the incentive is to raise costs to keep the guaranteed ROI because there will be more absolute dollars of earnings if the cost is big to base. The larger competitive world is having lots of problems raising prices to increase earnings. Driving down costs is the way they do it. so PUC should mirror with their Monopolies under their control.

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