

Petition for Increase in Rates
PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) has petitioned the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of an increase to its rates. PEU has asked for a temporary increase of 7% at the current rates and an overall permanent increase of 12.21% which the company proposes implementing in two phases. PEU's request for this increase is based on increases in its operating costs as well as investment in its plant and treatment systems to ensure continued compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The increase would apply to all customers. For customers of Birch Hill, Locke Lake and Sunrise Estates, the increase applies to the meter charge and volumetric rate but not to the capital recovery surcharge. The increase for PEU residential general metered customers would be as follows:

Average Residential Annual Bill			
Based on Annual Usage of 77 ccf (100 Cubic Feet)			
	Meter Charge 5/8"	Volumetric Charge in 100 cubic feet	Total Annual
Current Rates	\$197.88	\$431.97	\$629.85
Proposed Temporary Rate	\$211.68	\$462.00	\$673.68
Proposed Permanent Rate (including Step Increase)	\$222.00	\$483.33	\$705.33

The Commission will issue an order scheduling a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held at the Commission's Offices in Concord. When the order is issued, the Company will post it at www.pennichuck.com and publish notice in area newspaper(s). At the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from PEU and other parties, and will consider requests for formal intervenor status.

The Pre-Hearing Conference is open to the public. Customers and other interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the company's request. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via e-mail at puc@puc.nh.gov Tel: (603) 271-2431 Fax: (603) 271-3878

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