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Dear Commissioners,

I would like you to consider a smaller step increase than has been requested by Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

I definitely want to protect our natural resources and maintain clean water treatment facilities. And, I am not naive to the fact that basic operations costs go up over time. However, cost of water in NH has gone up almost 18% since 2012 (the last major rate increase came in two parts between 2010 and 2011).

If a 17% increase over the next two years is approved, that means the cost of our water will have gone up over 34% in 6 years while the national cost of living increase has been just 3.5% over the same time period... that seems a little extreme.

Furthermore, there is an apparent pattern of Pennichuck automatically asking for 17% every 5 years when their contracts are up for negotiation. I think it would be fair for the Public Utilities Commission to counter offer with a more reasonable rate that is more in line with wage increases and/or request an extremely detailed cost spec sheet while making their decisions about the necessity of this extreme cost hike.

Thank you for your consideration.

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