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Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:22 PM
To: PUC:
Subject: RE: Pennichuck East Utility - Proposed Rate Increase

I would like to briefly comment on the Pennichuck East Utility (PEU) proposed 21.24% rate increase.

First, there are members of our community that may be placed into a such a position where they may need to decide what basic life necessity they must cut in order to offset the price increase.

Second, unlike "luxury" utilities like cable, internet, phone, etc., the consumer in this case has absolutely no choice but to further suffer under the exorbitant rates of PEU, both current and proposed. The drilling of a private well may not be possible for many residents due to the cost, set back requirements, water quality, etc. Consumers just don't have a choice.

An lastly, PEU actually pulls water from under Litchfield itself. It is incredulous that PEU has the absolute gall to turn around and stick it to the residents of Litchfield as you literally suck the water out from under our feet.

I understand that there are costs to doing business, but perhaps those that are running PEU lack the knowledge to seek out efficiencies in order to offset this abhorrent proposed increase.

I suggest that you DENY the proposed rate increase.

Thanks
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