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PUC Commission
NH

Dear Commission,

The cost of electricity is too high at the current rate! To allow Eversource to increase rates by near 25% is giving them license to steal. It's like a wage increase for them. I'm "lucky" if I get a cost of living increase and let me assure you, if I do, it is most assuredly is taken away by an increase in my health insurance costs. When does it end??? Corporate America getting richer.

I urge the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to reject the unfair Eversource rate proposals (DE 19-057).

The proposed 23.9% residential increase is higher than any other rate class.

In addition, increasing the basic customer charge unfairly adds to the burden on many older Eversource customers, who generally use less electricity. Eversource New Hampshire customers already pay a much higher monthly customer charge than their customers in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Finally, the proposed nearly automatic surcharges remove incentives for the utility to become more efficient and sidestep the regulatory process for setting rates.

Utility rates are an essential pocketbook issue for people age 50-plus and their families, many of whom struggle to balance paying utility bills and other household expenses along with buying food and medicine.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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