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PUC Commission
NH

Dear Commission,

Both my husband and I are in our seventies, retired and living on fixed incomes. Our Ever Source bill for a very small home runs an average of \$100 a month and a 23% increase and other additional charges would really make the price outrageous for the small amount of electricity we use.

We currently take every precaution we can with turning off power strips for our high tech equipment when not in use, using LED light bulbs and other efficient means, converting to wood and propane for our heat and cooking.

Please realise that especially at this time, we cannot afford the additional charges, especially those that have nothing to do with our usage. Thank you.

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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