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PUC Commission
NH

Dear Commission,

When reviewing the actions that Eversource wants please consider that I am just one person but I know 3 older Eversource customers who keep their lights off to save money on their bill. This is not safe due to possible falls but they do it because their Eversource bills are so high already!

Please also keep in mind that the Eversource CEO made OVER 18 MILLION in compensation in 2019. Far, far above many CEOs of other large companies. If he is so great at what he does why can't he think of another way to raise Eversource revenue or save the co. some money than off the backs of seniors and so many people struggling threw a pandemic. Maybe they are making N.H. pay for their failures in other states...who knows.

Please, please please do not let them have any way to raise rates through surcharges or customer charges without coming before your Commission. They would abuse that right if given to them.

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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