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PUC Commission
NH

Dear Commission,

I urge the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to reject the unfair Eversource rate proposals (DE 19-057). Aside from the size of the residential increase, which is particularly burdensome to customers on a fixed income and those who are suffering from the economic impact of Covid19, I am particularly concerned about the surcharge that would allow Eversource to raise fees, not based on usage.

When a consumer products company raises prices on its products, consumers have the choice to stop using that product or to switch to a different product. Clearly, that is not the case for electricity. When the price goes up, we have the choice to pay. A choice with only one option is NOT a choice. It is monopoly revenue, leading to a monopoly's profit.

The point of having a Public Utilities Commission is to limit the power of companies like Eversource, that are allowed to provide an essential product without meaningful competition, The PUC is intended to regulate natural monopolies such as Eversource for the benefit of the public, not to enable them for the benefit of the company's management and shareholders.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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