

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this e-mail to speak out against the proposed rate hike for Pennichuck Corporation customers in Litchfield.

As it currently stands, Litchfield residents already pay more than all its surrounding towns for water, including those that are served by Pennichuck. The rate increase proposed would result in Litchfield paying 2.9 and 5.7 times the surrounding communities. This is unfair and inequitable. Why should a Litchfield resident be forced to pay \$9.42 per unit (as proposed) when Nashua pays \$4.03 per unit, Hudson pays \$3.30 a unit, Derry pays \$2.69 per unit, Merrimack pays \$2.32 per unit and Manchester pays \$1.64 per unit? This is unreasonable, especially since we already pay \$7.51 per unit.

I can personally attest to the brown and murky water that I sometimes have to bathe my children in. I personally can attest to the fears and uncertainty of safe water as we have dealt with the St. Gobain PFOA contaminations. Under what pretense can Pennichuck possibly justify such a large, but also inequitable increase for subpar water? The answer is none.

My family and I beg you not to approve this rate increase or any other lower increase. We already pay far too much for water - and certainly more than neighboring towns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

Kind Regards,
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