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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a customer of Liberty Utilities. Last year there was a 100% increase in our bills for 6 months to accommodate a new community and some associative charges. We were given notice that this was temporary and that bills would reduce back to 'normal' thereafter.

Now it seems that there is a desire to raise rates again just before the winter season of course. This seems like a pretty common pattern nationally with energy companies first 'testing the waters' with a temporary increase followed by an immediate request to make an increase permanent.

I am wholeheartedly against this increase. It is purely a profit increase disguised as an infrastructure support request. This company's net income exceeded 28 Billion dollars. There is no reasonable explanation for a rate increase other than greed. It already is a 'distribution rate' which is in addition to a 'delivery rate'. The gas that Liberty gives its customers is itself purchased elsewhere. They are middle-men, without the need for this infrastructure increase.

I would respectfully like my voice heard as a paying customer in already very challenging financial times, that an increase simply for profit ratios and not for need is neither necessary or helpful to the citizens of NH.

Thank you.

Steven Pleasant