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To Whom It May Concern:

By way of an insert in my Unitil bill, I've learned that the company has applied for a rate increase. This is perhaps understandable, given that

- The abundance of natural gas due to fracking has forced the cost of gas down. Since Unitil's profit is no doubt calculated as a percentage of costs ("margin"), the dollar value of these profits has declined. Business leaders want to see profits only go up, no matter who it hurts-and it will hurt many.
- The stock market is at record highs, leading the well-off leaders of Unitil to believe that the economy is in good shape, when in fact, only the upper income segments are feeling this. The rest of us are still struggling, with unemployment high, and those without work (such as myself) often not even being counted in those rates.

What this amounts to is a large, unwarranted drain on the resources of the many to benefit the few. Unitil may argue that its a minimal amount, but it amounts to around \$120/year, which is about what I spend on food in a month. To make matters worse, Unitil is proposing a residential increase as high as 31.3%, but for business users, that increase is a mere 5.1 - 8.5%: a balance that is unfair on the face of it.

As a result of the burden and the unfairness, this increase should be rejected, or if that is impossible, minimized and rebalanced.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Cheers!
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