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To: PUC
Subject: Liberty Utilities Meeting

To Whom it may concern:

I am a resident of Meriden, and Liberty Utilities is the provider of my electricity. I just read in the paper this morning that they are requesting an increase in what they charge for electricity, and the reasons they cite are that winter is coming, demand will go up, and since they don't generate their own electricity, they can't control costs.

I am furious about this request, along with the suggestion from them that consumers can request financial assistance for low-income families. Those of us who are in the middle - people who are not 'low-income' and also can't afford to write a check to pay a bill without thinking about the amount - are the ones who are hurt the most by this request. I CANNOT AFFORD A RATE INCREASE!! I already am cautious about electricity use in order to try and keep my current utility costs down. I also am not one of those people who can afford to purchase "energy alternative upgrades" even with the rebates that are offered. It simply isn't possible when you're stuck in the middle.

The fact that they are making this request suggests to me that they need to find a different way to operate as a company, or that we need a different provider. The Public Utilities Commission needs to consider the impact that their request would have on people like me - we are the majority! PLEASE, PLEASE do not grant their request for a rate increase! Find a different provider for us. Ask us what we are already doing to keep our costs down. Find ways to help those of us who can't qualify for assistance, and yet struggle to pay our bills.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
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