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Office of the Town Manager
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. proposed rate increase

Dear PUC Commission members:

Earlier this year, we were informed by Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. that they would be filing an NOI with the PUC for a rate increase of approximately 22.97% over their current rates.

While PEU sent a letter to the Town in August of this year detailing the reasons for the proposed increase, the Londonderry Town Council is concerned by how large of a rate increase the PEU is asking for, especially when compared to another one of the Town's municipal water suppliers, Manchester Water Works, whose most recent rate increase we understand was only 3%.

The Council has asked that I reach out to you, the Commission, to express our concern about the proposed PEU rate increase, as it represents an increase in our FY19 budget of \$329,100. As such, we'd ask that the proposed increase be carefully scrutinized by the PUC and should it be approved, a detailed explanation of the reasons such a large rate increase is warranted be provided.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Kevin H. Smith
Town Manager