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PSC Comission NH

Dear Comission,

I urge the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to reject the unfair Eversource rate proposals (DE 19-057).

The proposed 23.9% residential increase is higher than any other rate class.

In addition, increasing the basic customer charge unfairly adds to the burden on many older Eversource customers, who generally use less electricity. Eversource New Hampshire customers already pay a much higher monthly customer charge than their customers in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Finally, the proposed nearly automatic surcharges remove incentives for the utility to become more efficient and sidestep the regulatory process for setting rates.

Utility rates are an essential pocketbook issue for people age 50-plus and their families, many of whom struggle to balance paying utility bills and other household expenses along with buying food and medicine.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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