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PUC Commission
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Dear Commission,

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.

My Husband and I recently purchased our house. It is an older house in our town renovated years ago into a 3 apartment home. We struggled to get credit rating up, and finally we were able to buy it. Now this year our property taxes are going up, as well as our water/sewer bill. Now we are getting a 24% increase in our electric bills. It seems like everywhere we go no matter where we turn someone is trying shatter our American dream.

We have lived here for 13 years now, we already paid enough in rent to buy this house. We worked very hard to get to the point where we could buy our home. Not only would it be devastating to lose our home, but we would have to start from ground level again and work our way back up. Please dont do this, on behalf of all of us out there working to keep our heads above water- I AM BEGGING you. Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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