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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.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

Along with the above consider this. Eversource just raised the rates last year. Eversource rates are \$0.20/kwh. The national average is \$0.14. There are 44 states whose rates are lower than Eversource. Every year Eversource pays thousands of dollars for tree work, most storms with loss of power are from trees and tree parts bringing down lines.

It is time to think outside the box. Put more lines underground.

Eversource is using the same technology that was used over 100 years ago. Eliminate some management and introduce an R & D Team. Stop with just throwing more money at things. Start with conserving. Why do we build box stores and plants with no windows so they need to run more and more lights. I know you people are smarter than this, but, do you have the courage to make electricity affordable?

Thank you for your consideration,

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