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PUC Commission  
NH

Dear Commission,

All rate increases should be tied to actual need in the State of NH. A 24% increase is absurd...I suggest that the state take over Eversource as a Co-Operative and sell electricity at cost to NH Residents. There is plenty of inexpensive power in Québec, NH must take advantage of that availability. As a retiree no one in the government is giving us a 24% increase in anything except costs.

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,  
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