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Hello,

My name is Bryan Carney and am a resident of Litchfield NH. I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed 21.05% Rate increase the commission will be reviewing submitted by Pennichuck East Utilities.

This rate increase seems to be very aggressive based on the fact that Litchfield currently has one of the highest rates per gallon in the state. Below is an excerpt that was brought in front of the town to outline what the current status of what impact water has on our town compared to others. In addition pennichuck has been seeing an increase of new customers because of people having to abandoning their wells due to the St Gobin polution. In addition pennichuck directly told myself that last years rate increase was due to the town approving tax increases and they have a vested interest in town property. A company that services most of New Hampshire to ask for huge increases because of a land holdings in a town seems likey they are using our town to make their money and allowing other towns to have a lower rate. The town of Merrimack has a population almost triple of litchfield and their rate is 30% of ours.

"For reference to see where we are in regards to rates vs other towns. These are the fees for the "consumption" portion of your bill. This is per 748 Gallons.

Litchfield = \$7.51

Nashua = \$3.66

Hudson = \$3.30

Manchester = \$1.59

Merrimack = \$2.32

We then have your monthly connection fee and the town also pays PWW over \$500k for hydrants. That's nearly 8% of the town budget."

In additon last year the commission approved an 18% increase to the water rate.

These increases are making it difficult for a family to live in this town. Especially in our current economy.

Please reject these increases and treat our town fairly.

Thank you,

Bryan Carney