

Ms. Howland,

While some funds increases may be needed at some point, raising substantially electric utility rates in these tough economic times will likely have a multiplier effect and harm the economy struggling with the virus effects, which will linger well into 2021 and perhaps beyond. Hitting citizens already hurting with yet more burdensome fees for electricity will harm them and negatively impact any industry considering NH as a new home or place to grow. Keeping barriers low always helps.

In this spirit I ask you to not raise electric rates and therefore to keep them the same.

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