

Dear Executive Director and Secretary Debra Howland,

I am sending you this message in response to Liberty Utilities' docket in which they are asking to charge ratepayers for \$7.5 million that they spent pursuing the Granite Bridge pipeline.

Liberty Utilities should not be allowed to increase rates just because they haven't been able to earn back the money they lost in their previous project. The consumer did not ask them to build the Granite Bridge pipeline - and many of us in the community actively opposed the project. It is not our fault that they wasted so much money trying to push the project ahead.

Particularly with the pandemic not-quite-over yet, so many of our friends and neighbors are struggling to pay their utility bills and keep up with rent. Allowing Liberty to raise rates to pay for a project they didn't even finish would be abysmal. Please consider the ratepayers' point of view - I am sure I share my views with the Consumer Advocate and hope that he is able to get his points across to the Public Utility Commission.

Thank you for your time and have a good day.

Regards,
Rebecca Beaulieu