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Subject: NH PUC ORDER no. 26437

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To Whom It may Concern,

As a resident of Little Mill Woods Condominiums in Sandown, I'm writing to voice an objection on behalf of myself and my wife with regards to the proposed rate increase by Hampstead Area Water Company #26437.

While I understand the need of utility companies to raise rates to cover costs and improvements in their infrastructure, I feel the proposed rates are excessive and place an undue burden on a significant number of customers in our community and all surrounding communities. I also understand that the proposed rates are not related to potential improvements to our local system here in our 55+ Condominium community but are directly related to systems in other locations. Since there is no direct benefit/improvement to our system here, it seems to me that it is unreasonable to expect all of HAWC's customers to absorb a major rate hike such as the one proposed. Although I do recognize that customers utilizing smaller systems may benefit from costs being spread over other customer bases, I still feel that the proposed rate increases are unreasonable and unjustified.

Thank you for taking into consideration the effect of the proposed rate hike will have on the numerous seniors living on fixed incomes and all those folks still reeling from the negative financial impact that Covid-19 has had on them!

Sincerely,
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