

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

We are concerned 26 year residents of Litchfield.

Little did we know, when we moved in, that we were supporting the water for ALL of Pennichuck customers in NH. Why? What is different in Litchfield that we have to shoulder that burden?

Litchfield water rates will be \$9.42 per unit of water. We pay between 2.9 to 5.7 times MORE than our neighbors. Why the disparity? We pay Pennichuck a half million dollars each year for hydrant rental which is 7% of the town's annual budget. We pay more for hydrants than we do to run the town library and recycle center!

Pennichuck serves 29 towns and Litchfield has the largest customer base and their wells reside in Litchfield (if anything, that should be to our advantage). Instead, we are helping to subsidize improvements in 28 other towns.

Add the St. Gobain PFOA situation and our residents have no other water options as wells could be contaminated. We are forced to use Pennichuck. This is a monopoly.

We respectfully request your consideration in this matter. *Have a great 2021!*

Sincerely,
Brenda & Fred French
1 Morrill St, Litchfield, NH

PS It's 9:24am....we just lost power (came back on just now, an hour later)...Eversource is having a planned outage twice today (we recommend planning these for weekends or afterhours). A lot of us are working from home these days. Between Eversource and Pennichuck, this town seems to take it on the chin for all.