

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter to protest the proposed rate hike for Pennichuck Corporation customers in Litchfield.

The rate increase proposed is astronomical and not equal to that of surrounding towns. There is no reason that the residents of Litchfield should pay between 2.9 and 5.7 times the surrounding communities.

Since Litchfield will be paying between 200% – 500% of the neighboring towns, it only stands to reason that we are paying for improvements in the other 28 surrounding communities. There is no reason that Litchfield should be chosen to pay for this.

This utility provides a service that no household can dispense with and there are no other options for water than Pennichuck. Pennichuck is therefore morally obliged to ensure that it does not discriminate against or maltreat one town in its customer base. This rate hike is abusive and unreasonable.

On the website, Pennichuck writes that their mission is to “be a premier supplier of water in New Hampshire by providing reliable, high quality, and affordable water in sufficient quantities.” We as residents have all experienced the pains of having the brown and murky water that Pennichuck has a tendency to provide. It is only right that they don't go forward with extorting outrageous rates for this subquality water. And it is not fair that Residents of Litchfield should have to pay such an increase as compared to other communities or be paying for improvements or maintenance in other communities.

Regards,
Bryan and Cheryl Lavoie