

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 inequitable compared to the surrounding towns. There is no reason that the residents of Litchfield, myself included, should pay between 2.9 and 5.7 times the surrounding communities.

I was left with no other option after having to abandon my well due to the St. Gobain PFOA contamination. I did not want to switch to town water and now I am being forced to pay an exorbitant rate for something I previously enjoyed for free. Pennichuck is my only option.

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

Pennichuck is unfairly burdening the town of Litchfield compared to the others it serves. This town is being discriminated against and mistreated compared to the other towns in its customer base. This rate hike is abusive and unreasonable.

On their 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.”

I have experienced, along with many others, the pains of having brown and murky water that Pennichuck has a tendency to provide. This has resulted in gallons of water wasted and clothes left stained from the wash. It is only right that they don't go forward with extorting outrageous rates for this sub quality water.

Kind regards,

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Litchfield Resident