

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Litchfield resident and I am very concerned about your decision to increase our water rates by 21%. We are already paying 3+ times more than the other towns/cities that you supply.

How can you justify the the rate difference between these towns?

Litchfield's rates will be \$9.42 per unit of water. Hudson pays \$3.30, Merrimack is \$2.32, and Manchester is \$1.64. We pay between 2.9 times and 5.7 times MORE than our neighbors (How does Manchester pay \$1.64 and we will be paying \$9.42!)

This price GOUGING! The majority of families in Litchfield are average everyday workers just like Manchester residents. Why you do feel we can afford to pay this price increase. Why are we helping subsidizing surrounding towns?

We pay Pennichuck over \$500K per year for hydrant rentals. (From what I understand we have 255) Hudson pays \$500k for 800 hydrants! Hydrants are a SAFETY tool which should NOT be a money maker. (Out of basic human decency) This fee goes on our tax bill and is more than 7% of our entire municipal.

Can you please explain this to the residents of Litchfield ?

You can NOT blame the St Gobain PFOA situation. Pennichuck needs to settle that money situation with St Gobain! It should not be past on to the residents of Litchfield!

We also have brown water many days of the week!

Please reconsider your plan. If anything our rates should go DOWN to be comparable to the other towns/cities you supply.

And I don't think you should come back with - well ok we will only increase by 10% and think that we will be happy with that !

Thank you
Patti Palladino