

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.

This is especially unconscionable for the residents in town who have had to abandon their wells due to the St. Gobain PFOA contaminations. These residents did not want to switch to town water in the first place and now they are being forced to pay an exorbitant rate for a utility that they used to enjoy for free.

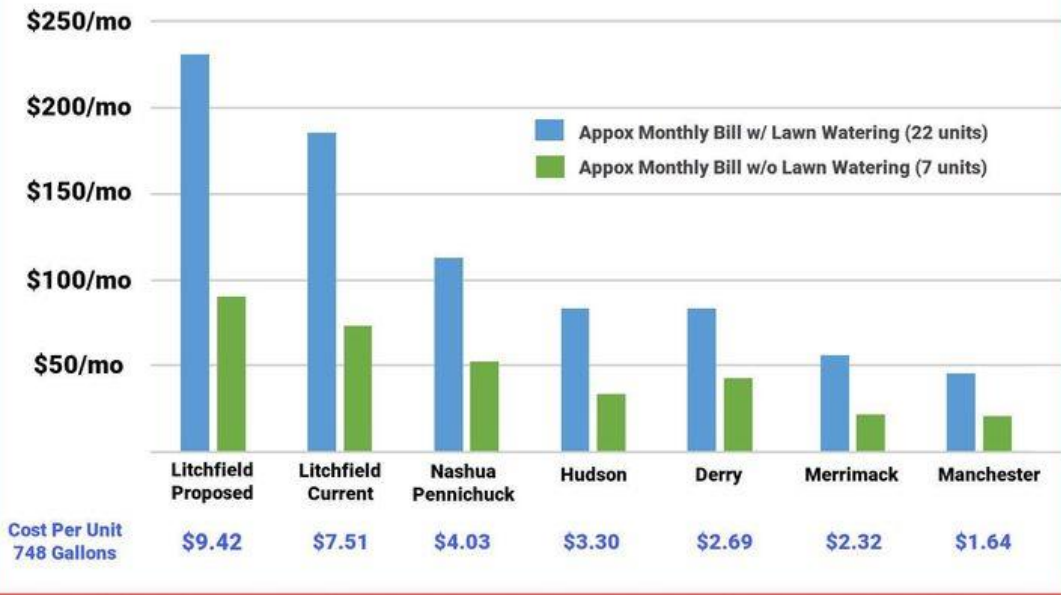
The increase letter received from Pennichuck implies the proposed increase is partially due to adding new consumers, and the need for infrastructure improvements, due to the St. Gobain PFOA contamination. I ask why the customers of Litchfield should bear the cost of this - it should have been considered BEFORE the connections were made, and included in the cost to St. Gobain.

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 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 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." 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. The filter below, is after two months! Disgusting and overpriced service.

## Litchfield Monthly Water Bills Compared to Other Towns Voice Your Opposition to the Rate Increase!





Best regards,  
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