

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned resident from Litchfield, NH regarding the proposed Pennichuck water rate increases that have been discussed as going into effect.

Based on the information, Litchfield's rates will be \$9.42 per unit of water. Our water utility payments are already astronomically higher than other New Hampshire Towns. For example, Hudson pays \$3.30 per unit, Merrimack is \$2.32 per unit, and Manchester is \$1.64 per unit. We pay between 2.9 times and 5.7 times more than our neighboring towns.

The average Litchfield homeowner will pay almost \$90 per month for water. If you water your lawn, that cost may exceed \$250 per month. With lawn watering, you may pay \$1,500+ per year for water!

Another major issue in Litchfield and its customers is there is no other water option, as wells could be contaminated. We are forced to use Pennichuck.

I hope that this email can serve in favor of Litchfield and its residents in its fight and issue with Pennichuck's proposed water increases.

Please feel free to contact me with any follow-up questions or if more clarification is needed.

Thank you,

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