

To Whom it May Concern,

Per mailing with my monthly bill, I have received notice that Pennichuck intends to file for a temporary 15% increase and an over 21% permanent increase.

Our water system is in Exeter, NH, and is a small and simple system compared to other systems Pennichuck owns. We believe that small systems such as ours, and as new as ours, should not be as significantly impacted by this rate increase as we will be, due to the low costs of operations and maintenance, due to the simplicity and youth of our system.

If this rate increase is approved, we will be paying close to \$100 per month. The Town of Exeter, which has a significant system, and the need for nitrogen reduction before effluent outflow into Great Bay, has rates of approximately \$180 per quarter, or about \$60 per month for water and sewer. Pennichuck is asking for us to pay almost twice that amount just for water.

A large number of the FAQs provided by Pennichuck pertain to the Saint-Gobain site and its PFOA issues. It is quite clear that the entire Pennichuck customer base is now being asked to help Pennichuck pay for that service expansion. Does it seem equitable that small sites such as ours, and many other similar small sites located far from the Saint-Gobain PFOA impacted areas pay for that so that Pennichuck can make money? I can't wrap my head around that argument or those economics.

I hereby strongly object to this increase and strongly urge you to deny the request. I cannot fathom how such a significant increase in rates for a system such as ours can be justified; I'm quite sure it can't.

David Stewart
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