

Attention PUC-NH:

I am writing to oppose and display my outright concern for the proposed rate increase for the town of Litchfield by Pennichuck Water. Currently Litchfield's water rates are astonishingly high compared to surrounding towns and cities in the area. If Pennichuck succeeds in passing this rate increase then Litchfield's rates will be even higher at \$9.42 per unit of water. This will mean Litchfield residents will pay almost 3 to 6 times more for our water as compared to neighboring communities.

Considering the St. Gobain PFOA situation, customers have no other water option as town wells could be contaminated. We are forced to use Pennichuck. This rate increase significantly impacts seniors on a fixed income, working families, and single parent households to the point where now their water bill is forcing them to make uncomfortable decisions about other expenses or even the ability to own a home in Litchfield. This practice by Pennichuck is unacceptable especially considering the previous rate increases passed over the last few years. I strongly oppose this rate increase as it is unrealistic, inequitable, and unethical practice by Pennichuck Water towards the residents of Litchfield.

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