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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to write this letter in protest the proposed rate hike for the Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and for customers that live in Litchfield, NH. The requested rate increase is astronomical and inequitable compared to the 29 surrounding town communities that Pennichuck East Utility supports. Litchfield is one of Pennichuck's largest customers we shoulder the financial burden of other towns and its unmanaging for our residents to pay up to 3x of our respective times the surrounding community peers.

This is especially unconscionable for the residents in town who have had to abandon their wells due to the St. Gobain PFOA contaminations and have to resort to a forced decision of using water from Pennichuck, which many consider as a poor quality water. 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 29 surrounding communities. There is no reason that Litchfield should be chosen to pay for this.

Pennichuck is our town monopoly and this rate hike is abusive and unreasonable.

Best,

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