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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of myself and my family, I am writing to speak against the proposed rate increases by Pennichuck East. It seems to reason that Litchfield in particular is targeted with these increases because of the sharp increase in customers and infrastructure in town. The problem is these new hookups were forced by St. Gobain's air and water PFAS pollution. The hookups were not wanted by the affected residents and St. Gobain has not been held accountable for the bill. The PUC should not allow customers, especially those that have no other choice to buy from, to be penalized for the negligence of others.

NHTap, a water filtration install company, is currently doing 1-2 whole house filter installs per week in Litchfield alone. Pennichuck's customers are already picking up the tab to mitigate PFAS health concerns because they are forced to buy water that exceeds NHDES' contamination limit for PFAS.

Please do not approve this rate increase request and please consider lowering Litchfield's unit cost to be more in line with towns in the surrounding area.

Regards,  
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