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Dear Representative of the Public Utilities Commission,

We received notice that Liberty Utilities is seeking approval to increase their rates again this year with automatic permission for increases in coming years.

Understandably, costs of labor and goods have increased recently. However, our rates doubled last year with the last rate increase, which is a considerably larger increase than general inflation. Also, as they are requesting permission for future increases, it seems Liberty Utilities have no intent to focus on curbing their operating costs or taking similar steps to address their situation and better serve the public. Rather, they are planning for steadily increasing costs for the next two years and attempting to circumvent your commission's ability to keep their increases in check. Finally, they want to avoid disclosing their compensation for directors, which would seem a further indicator that they will not take reasonable steps to reduce costs - plus, it is a huge red flag as a consumer.

Fortunately, we have a Public Utilities Commission for this type of situation, and I trust the members of your commission see the issues with the requests from Liberty Utilities. Still, I would like to clearly state my request that you:

- 1: Do **not** allow Liberty Utilities to raise their rates again,
- 2: Do **not** allow them to circumvent your office with automated future approvals, and
- 2: Do **not** allow Liberty Utilities to keep their financial compensations private.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our public interests and ensure these services remain affordable for everyone.

Sincerely,

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