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**Subject:** Liberty Utilities rate hike request

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently received a letter from Liberty Utilities addressing their request to raise the cost of electricity in Walpole, New Hampshire. I am writing to ask, in the highest emphasis I can express through the written word, that this is not allowed.

I moved back to New England after teaching at a university in Arizona for years. I was excited to be back home. Then the bills started to come in with the highest electric bill I have ever had to pay. I am one person and have nothing on during the day except the refrigerator, water heater, and occasional computer. I moved from a home in Arizona that was twice the size I live in now, was all electric, and had the air conditioner on or the heat with no breaks. My highest bill in Arizona at the peak of the summer was around \$76. Most months my bill was \$35.

I move to New Hampshire and the cost is outrageous. My bill has never been less than \$116 and has been as high as \$156. If you think this is low, that is reinforcing my point and showing a great problem. This is far too high for what I use in electricity. As mentioned I use very little in electric power and my bill was already far too high. Then came this letter saying they are requesting a rate hike. I searched for another company to provide my electricity and I have no options. They have a monopoly of service in my area.

My request again is that you deny this rate hike since there should be a review on how to lower our electric cost and not raise it. I have family living in Massachusetts and they pay far less than I with using far more electricity.

Thank you,

Karen Meunier