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In regards to Liberty Utilities request for price increase. I am 67 years old and live on a fixed income and own my own home. I do not qualify for any assistance from the state programs to help pay bills. I keep cutting into savings to do so.

Recently UNTIL and EVERSOURCE notified users of a decrease in electric rates because of lower energy costs oil and gas. However Liberty is requesting an increase and also a plan to automatically increase rates in 2024 and 25 without being required to request a rate increase. To me this is bad idea for the general public and allows Liberty to increase rates without oversight. We are already paying one of the highest rates in the country for electricity. Since NH does not produce enough power for us it has to be bought from other suppliers which I expect is the same as UNTIL and EVERSOURCE. Liberty needs to sharpen their pencils and cut costs whether it is upper management or general labor costs. Their recent contract with the labor union was way out of line compared to other NH labor negotiations. I have no problem paying a fair wage but when we cannot afford these increases then those companies need to reduce staff.

Thank you for your consideration and reading this opinion. Please do not allow this to go forward as requested by Liberty Utilities.

-Ken (Sent from my iPhone)