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The price that Liberty Utilities pays for it on the open market have been falling throughout 2023. Why is Liberty Utilities asking for a rate increase from NH residential customers where energy prices are the highest in the US?

**MAKE THEM JUSTIFY AND PROVE OTHERWISE!**

The average monthly spot natural gas price at the U.S. benchmark Henry Hub fell 34%, or \$1.12 per million British thermal units (MMBtu), to \$2.18/MMBtu between January and June, according to [data from Refinitiv Eikon](https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=57200#:~:text=Natural%20gas%20prices%20fall%20in,record%20production%20and%20mild%20temperatures&text=The%20average%20monthly%20spot%20natural,to%20data%20from%20Refinitiv%20Eikon)  
<https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=57200#:~:text=Natural%20gas%20prices%20fall%20in,record%20production%20and%20mild%20temperatures&text=The%20average%20monthly%20spot%20natural,to%20data%20from%20Refinitiv%20Eikon>.

Secondly . . . Liberty Utilities is asking for a disproportionate rate increase of 27.49% from residential customers who use less than 20.5 therms who have lowered their thermostats to try to save money, to bear the brunt of the overall rate increase and are the ones who can least afford to heat their homes whereas Liberty Utilities are asking those who use more than 63.7 therms will pay a smaller 24.56% rate increase who are more likely to own larger more expensive homes or businesses.

This practice is discriminatory against a class of people.

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