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To Whom it may concern,

I've been a Liberty Utility customer for over 11 years. My wife and I faithfully pay our utility bills every month, but the constant increase in costs is becoming ever more painful.

I am pleading with the commission to reject Liberty Utilities request for permanent distribution rate increases. These are tough times on the general public and a utility companies desire to increase revenue and/or profit margin at the expense of hard working granite staters who are struggling to make ends meet should be rejected.

A nearly 25-30% increase is catastrophic for working families just above the poverty line and yet out of reach of government assistance. Please don't force families, including those like mine, to choose between heating our homes and feeding our families.

This is a time for fiscal austerity and belt buckling not growth and expansion at the behest of greedy corporations.

Please be our advocate and fight Liberty to reject this excessive expansion in cost burden.

v/r,

Jason Shoemaker