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Regarding docket number DG 23-067,

For the past three years, we have seen inconsistent (but consistently occurring) rate hikes for our gas distribution, and surcharges. These hikes encroach on the ability of the residents of Concord to afford winter heating, an (obviously) vital necessity for survival. These rate increases are poorly justified, and we are told that it is solely for "infrastructure" and "facility maintenance," and have become so absurd, that it has become better to wrap up in blankets all winter, than pay the \$500+ monthly bill to heat a home. Liberty Utilities lacks that appropriate transparency to justify these consumer costs, and it is imperative that the PUC denies DG 23-067, and the proposed rate increases.

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