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To: PUC: <puc@puc.nh.gov>
Subject: Liberty rate adjustments

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Dear commissioners,

Recently, Liberty has mailed to its customers a notice for distribution rate adjustments and in the letter it mentions that the PUC will be considering their request in Docket No. DG 23-067.

I am writing to sincerely make my own request as a member of your public and small business owner: do not allow Liberty, and other fossil fuel focused utilities, to be encouraged for growing their industry. The state of NH must make their stance to support growth and spending for the future of clean energy by backing renewables production and energy efficiencies.

In the past year the supply cost for gas and electric has grown significantly and, if I hadn't had the opportunity to use the NH Saves program to add home insulation, the home and business I own would have crippling expenses each month. As it stands now, the switch to renewables has been a financial possibility only because the cost to keep going as we have been has grown to an extent where new heating/solar systems is becoming the economical solution in even the short term. In this regard, as I expect others are being forced into that perspective as well, it would better suit our community as a whole to put our money in subsidising those efficiencies rather than building further into the energy corporations that we are all moving away from.

If this money exists for us to expand our energy systems, let it be used for the ones that ensure us a safer and healthier future for generations and not the polluting sources that have an inevitable end time and care nothing for our citizens and environment.

Please consider these thoughts as you represent me and my community in this request and in further renewable investments for our state.

Thank you, Sarah Mathieu