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Subject: Strong Opposition to Cost Shifting – PUC Docket No. DE 24-065

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To Unitil Chairman and CEO Thomas Meissner,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any attempt to shift costs from customers on Unitil energy service onto customers who do not purchase energy supply from Unitil. This proposal is unfair, unreasonable, and undermines consumer choice. I hope that you firmly oppose this cost-shifting measure in your response to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on December 20th.

The PUC's request for Unitil to impose costs associated with its energy supply onto customers who have chosen not to take Unitil supply is unacceptable. Customers who purchase power from the competitive market, from competitive suppliers, or through Community Power must not be forced to subsidize costs that have nothing to do with their energy choices.

This practice penalizes customers who have exercised their right to seek affordable alternatives in the energy market. It is harmful to New Hampshire ratepayers, discourages competition, and undermines the state's efforts to build a fair and competitive energy supply market.

I urge Unitil to make it clear to the PUC that this cost-shifting is unjust, anti-competitive, and directly harmful to consumers. It is your responsibility to advocate for policies that protect ratepayers, not burden them with costs they did not incur.

I am copying the PUC Clerk, the Department of Energy, and the Office of Consumer Advocate to ensure my objection is officially entered into PUC Docket No. DE 24-065 as a public comment.

I expect Unitil to stand with ratepayers and push back against this harmful proposal.

**Sincerely,
Zeke Schmois
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