

DG13-251

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To: PUC

Subject: Regarding Liberty Utilities rate increase request hearing 2/19/2014 (DG 13-251)

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Hello,

I am the owner of an approximately 16000 sq foot building located at 171 Fair St., Laconia, NH and I am a customer of Liberty Utilities which supplies the natural gas used to heat the building. I noticed on the LU website, LU is before you on Feb. 19 asking for a rate increase from the current rate of approximately \$1.10/therm to \$1.24/therm for the gas supply charges of the LU bill (Docket number DG 13-251). In the year ago period the price was \$.68/therm. I do not claim to understand the factors that go into the assessment of reasonable rates for natural gas, but I want to bring to the board's attention the unanticipated financial burden that is created by close to a doubling in price of a resource that is a substantial (20-30%) component of total expenses required to operate a building in winter in NH. Please give this request by LU your careful and skeptical attention and please give consideration to all stakeholders in this matter.

Thank you,

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P.S. Could someone from your office reply to me to indicate they got this email and will route it to the proper personnel so this opinion is expressed to those making the decision on the rate?