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**Subject:** Liberty Utilities Rate Increase

Distinguished members of the New Hampshire State Senate and State Legislature,

I write to you today to express my deep concern over the 200% rate increase that Liberty Utilities has placed on it's gas consumers. According to Liberty Utilities, the new rates are set from November 1st to April 30th 2015 and were approved by the NHPUC (stated on Liberty Utilities website). Liberty Utilities has posted it new rates on it's website, they list from September 1, 2014 to October 31, 2014 is as follows: (R-3) Residential Total Cost Per Therm \$0.6995 compared to the new rate from November 1st 2014 to April 30th 2015 is now \$1.5542. Liberty Utilities states on it's website regarding the rate increase that "a residential customer using an average 792 therms/year will see an approximate increase of \$56.54/year." From my calculations, I don't understand how this is true. My November gas bill was: Gas Supply Chg 38 units @ 0.39342 = \$14.95, my December gas bill is: Gas Supply Chg 106 units @ 1.14377 = \$121.24. Granted I used more gas during the month of November, but if you apply the previous rate for the month of November's usage my bill would have been \$41.70. My total bill for the month of November (9/30-10/30) was \$43.23 and my total bill for the month of December (10/30-12/2) was \$178.20, which included a double amount of distribution charges. In comparison, this time period in 2013 my cost of gas was: Gas Supply Chg 112.4677 units @ 0.88951 \$100.04, this month was a higher cost for less consumption of gas. I ask the state of New Hampshire to conduct an investigation as to why Liberty Utilities got approval for such a rate hike, am I sure other consumers would like to know as well.

[http://www.libertyutilities.com/east/gas/about/news\\_09-05-14.html](http://www.libertyutilities.com/east/gas/about/news_09-05-14.html)

Thank you,  
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