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Propose "distribution" cost rate increase Docket # DE 16-383. I find this an egregious "D" rate increase (proposed at 24.65%).

On my most recent bill it would amount to \$9.43 just on this single line item. I appreciate their capital investment, however, they are mismanaging their business at these costs. Imagine if the state legislature asked for a nearly 25% increase on a single line item, they would be voted out of office in a heartbeat. I find Liberty's insert notification latent and misleading - on the front it states the "average" customer using 650 KWHrs/ mo would see only an 8.11% increase, (\$123.62 to \$133.65) but this is has to be gross bill increase and not the distribution increase alone of 24.65% listed on the back. Part of managing a business is accounting for "non-revenue producing capital projects that are "necessary"; and NOT lamenting they guessed wrong about expected profit from revenue. If they cannot operate the business then find someone who can or go back to public utilities. Please do not blindly approve this rate request without getting guarantees from Liberty to increase efficiency to make such demand now or in the future unnecessary and stop complaining they are not making the "promised" revenue. By the way - who in 2014 would have considered it reasonable to affirm a 7.9% return on any venture??? That ridiculous canard is on the PUC. The next shoe to drop will be for transmission charges followed by the other single line items.

If there is another vehicle to have submitted my displeasure, it wasn't readily recognizable on your web site.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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