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Public Utilities Commission,

We are unable to attend the pre-hearing conference regarding the above. We are very appreciative of having the water service provided by Pennichuck as it is very stressful on the rare occasions when internal or external circumstances leave us without service. However, we feel an increase of over 20% all at once is way too much to tolerate. As retired senior citizens living in an very comfortable over 55 community such a sudden large increase is never going to be offset by any COLA's we may get now or in the future. Although the impact on us will be minimal because of our low usage there are many seniors and families whose finances will be effected by such an all at once increase.

And while we are writing you we would like to express our displeasure with the very high monthly rates our community HOA pays for rental of your fire hydrants. That should be part of your overall water rate and not an additional fee. No other neighborhoods have any such additional charges.

Thank you for your consideration in reading this email.

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