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PUC Commission
NH

Dear Commission,

I urge the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to reject the unfair Eversource rate proposals (DE 19-057).

The proposed 23.9% residential increase is higher than any other rate class.

In addition, increasing the basic customer charge unfairly adds to the burden on many older Eversource customers, who generally use less electricity. Eversource New Hampshire customers already pay a much higher monthly customer charge than their customers in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Finally, the proposed nearly automatic surcharges remove incentives for the utility to become more efficient and sidestep the regulatory process for setting rates.

Utility rates are an essential pocketbook issue for people age 50-plus and their families, many of whom struggle to balance paying utility bills and other household expenses along with buying food and medicine.

I am in that age segment, on a fixed income and have done all I can to reduce usage. Such a rate increase means I will have to cut back on food or medicine or other essential service.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals. We already pay one of the highest rates in the country. We are rated the best state to live in New England. That, too, will falter if this rate increase is granted.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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