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PUC Commission
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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. And as much as we appreciate the hard work service technicians perform during snow emergencies, etc., 23.9% is really off the charts!

Additionally, increasing the basic customer charge unfairly adds to the burden on many older Eversource customers, like me, who generally use less electricity. Eversource New Hampshire customers already pay a much higher monthly customer charge than their customers in Massachusetts and Connecticut. What's up with that?! No state tax, so let's hike up the utility rates? It's all pretty transparent.

Finally, the proposed nearly automatic surcharges remove incentives for the utility to become more efficient and sidestep regulatory processes for setting rates. There's no such thing as a free ride and everyone has to punch their weight, why should utility companies be any different?

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.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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