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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.

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.

Please reject the unfair Eversource residential rate hike proposals.

P.S. Do you really think that raising these rates aren't going to affect thousands of users, especially seniors. My wife and I are both 70 years old and we are still working full time to afford living in our home, not only the mortgage, taxes and home insurance, but certainly all of our utilities. I don't understand why most if not all seniors are not getting a discount since we don't use that much electricity to begin with. With the added expense of higher rates, we'll never stop working. Now on top of all your hikes, we have to deal with this virus.....how about cutting us some slack. By the way, I am also a veteran but I'm not sure what that means anymore.

Sincerely,

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