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Subject: ROE 10% vs SSA 1.3% increase - rethink your distribution rates!

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PUC Commission NH

Dear Commission,

PUC needs to reject the unfair Eversource rate proposals (DE 19-057).

The proposed 23.9% residential increase is higher than any other rate class. It provides 10.4% net return on equity to investors. We are taken for a permanent ride.

In addition, increasing the basic customer charge unfairly adds to the burden on many older Eversource customers, who generally use less electricity. Nobody on grid can live on 100kWh per month since 1960s.

Eversource NH customers already pay a much higher monthly customer charge than their customers in MA and CT.

Finally, the automatic surcharges remove incentives for the utility to become more efficient and sidestep the regulatory process for setting rates. Eversources continues to battle energy savings, net metering, micro grids, and over small scale renewables at every turn.

Utility rates are an essential Fixed Income issue for people age 50-plus and their families, many of whom struggle to balance paying utility bills and other pandemic inflated household expenses - along with buying food (up 4%) and medicine (up 48%) not including insulin.

Promptly reject the irrationally usurious Eversource residential rate hike proposals and set their execs, lawyers, and lobbyists straight!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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