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NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

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RE: Pennichuck Rate Increase

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am opposed to the portion of the rate increase based on the meter charge.

I believe increasing the rate on the meter charge places an unfair burden on the elderly consumers. The elderly consumer's usage is probably in the order of 1/2 the usage of the residential monthly average. Therefore, the elderly consumer is effectively getting close to 12% of the rate increase, not the 7.85% indicated.

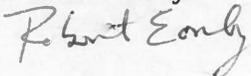
I believe it would be fairer to place most or all the rate increase on the usage charge. That way you will not be penalizing the elderly consumer or other consumers who take responsible measures to conserve usage.

Additionally, I believe the meter costs would be relatively fixed to the provider whereas the usage cost would vary with treatment, maintenance, infrastructure changes, and the like. Therefore, the usage should bear the changes in cost.

Please consider my arguments in your rate deliberations.

Respectively,

Robert Early



PS. Please consider this argument in all NH Utility rate deliberations.