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Public Utilities Commission
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To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing this letter to make you aware of a situation that is happening here in Laconia, and other cities in New Hampshire that are covered by a private water company by the name of Abenaki Water, which has an office in Gilford.

I live in a housing cooperative called Briarcrest Estates. This community consists of 243 households, some of which are located in Belmont and some are in Laconia. Most of the residents here are retired and lived on fixed incomes.

Abenaki Water Company has requested a rate increase of 247%. If this increase is approved by the Public Utilities Commission, it would mean an average monthly bill of \$366.00. This means my personal bill will be increasing to almost \$290.00 than I am paying now. I find this egregious and reprehensible.

Water is not a luxury and I find this heinous rate hike request disgusting, disheartening, and ludicrous at best.

If this rate request is approved and allowed to be put into use, it will force numerous residents to look for another place to live and force people out of the homes they love. And all because of one company's greed.

Thank you for your time.

