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Subject: Pennichuck East Utility Rate increase

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Sir,

I am writing this opposition letter Thursday December 17, 2020. The paperwork given by Pennichuck omitted the date of the hearing.

I am a residential customer of Pennichuck located in Windham, New Hampshire and as stated before in opposition of any rate increase for any reason. These proposed rate increases are at a minimum absurd based on the percentage requested. The people of this town and many others are experiencing unprecedented property tax increases added to in many cases price gouging for all other essentials due to the virus outbreak. Many of the residents are elderly, some are retirees, while others are working from home at reduced incomes and others are not working at all.

These are but a small sample of why the Commission should deny any and all rate increases proposed by Pennichuck both temporary and permanent. As a customer for over fifteen years I have never experienced a utility bill that went down after the original temporary reason was satisfied. In closing it is my position and firm belief that any and all increases should not be based on the idea of recouping spent capital because of upgrades to the system. These are simple and obvious factors of operating any business and is the cost of doing business in general.

Thank you , Thomas Tucci