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**Subject:** Unitil Request to Raise Rates

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To the Commissioner's Consumer Services:

In its informational insert accompanying their bill, Unitil gave notice that they had requested a rate increase of "approximately 4.4% over the Company's total revenue under present rates" to the PUC. A temporary 2.7% increase was suggested, effective this summer, while the PUC reviews their request.

I respectfully request that you reject this proposal, for the following reasons:

The "temporary" application of the rate increase assumes compliance with their request. Any increase should not be allowed implementation until the decision to grant it has been made.

The magnitude of the increase is an affront to all customers, especially regarding the economic sanctions that were placed upon the populace due to covid-19. We are still, and will be for some time, reeling from the impact of that.

This increase would place an undue hardship upon energy customers. We, as consumers, would not only be paying for our residential increase, but also for the businesses we frequent and City/State institutions that would simply pass their costs on to us in the way of higher prices and taxation.

Thank you so much for you attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Patrice Myers