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Subject: Comment on Pennichuck Petition for Increase in Rates

To whom it may concern,

I urge the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to reject the excessive rate increase petitioned for by Pennichuck.

Pennichuck seeks a permanent increase of 17.21% to the cost that consumers will have to pay. Pennichuck's request for increase greatly exceeds cost adjustments that would be reasonable to account for inflationary pressures. Additionally, these excessive rate increases would create the greatest burden on the State's poorest and most vulnerable consumers.

As Pennichuck holds a monopoly on water delivery to many in New Hampshire, preventing operation of a free market with true competition, I urge the Commission to prevent Pennichuck from abusing its position in the market and make them come back with a reasonable proposal that is in-line with current inflation rates.

Best Regards,

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