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NH Public Utilities Commission

21 South Fruit St. Suite 10

Concord, NH 03301

Cc:

Office of the Governor

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State House

107 North Main Street

Concord, NH 03301

Hello,

I am writing in connection with The Pennichuck Water Works recent petition for approval of yet another increase to its rates.

I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income. I am outraged by the constant increase in rates. This is an unconscionable measure and the proposed "step increase" of 17.21% is totally unacceptable. I ask you to consider that owners over 60 years of age be exempt from this increase due to limited resources.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Petition for Increase in Rates
PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) has petitioned the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of an increase to its rates. PWW has asked for a temporary increase of 6.21% and an overall permanent increase, including the proposed step increase of 17.21%. PWW's request for this increase is based on increases in its operating costs as well as investment in its plant and treatment systems to ensure continued compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The increase would apply to all customers. The increase for PWW residential general metered customers would be as follows:

Average Residential Monthly Bill Based on Annual Usage of 103 ccf (100 Cubic Feet)			
	Customer Charge Based on 5/8" meter	Volumetric Charge	Total Monthly
Current Rates	\$20.34	\$28.31	\$48.65
Proposed Temporary Rate	\$21.64	\$30.12	\$51.76
Proposed Permanent Rate	\$21.97	\$30.57	\$52.54
Proposed Step Rate	\$23.90	\$33.26	\$57.16

The Commission has scheduled a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held at the Commission's Offices in Concord on November 21, 2016 at 1:30 pm. At the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from PWW and other parties, and will consider requests for formal intervener status.

The Pre-Hearing Conference is open to the public. Customers and other interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the company's request. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via e-mail at puc@puc.nh.gov Tel: (603) 271-2431 Fax: (603) 271-3878

**For more information please reference the
enclosed information sheet or call
Pennichuck Water Works at 1-800-553-5191**