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Subject: NH Makes Top 10 Again!

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Attention: Ms. Bailey, I have lived in Nashua since 1986 / 33 years and utility price rates, increases are out of control. Appears the UTILITIES are Running the Show! They continually request rate increases and PUC Commission NH approves them.

I have never seen a "Business" charge their customers cost increases year-after-year; 40% as Eversource's says. Whatever happened to "this is the cost of doing business", or tell them to take costs out of their own business. Why are people of NH stuck with the increased rates?

Where is your pushback? Seems like a one way street every time.

What about innovation, disruption?

For example why is every pole wood? Steel poles are a better investment and more sustainable. Likely will cost a lot less. How about having Eversource conduct a Pilot using Steel Poles? Just approving their rate increases requests sets a very bad precedent for NH.

I laughed then cried when Eversource states Propert Taxes on distribution assets increased 80%. NH citizens should pay for their property taxes?? WHO IS GOING TO HELP ME PAY MY ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASES?

This is COMPLETELY UNFAIR TO NH CITIZENS!!

Why are NH citizens paying so much? Ranked 6th Highest Utility Bills in the Country? New York is close & CA are even Lower!

New Hampshire isn't too far behind New York when it comes to total utility costs. In fact, New Hampshire's total average utility bill of \$477.02 is only twenty-nine cents cheaper than New York's.

Utility	Cost per month	Ranking
Electricity	\$169.35	8
Natural gas	\$107.67	20
Internet (60 Mbps)	\$60.00	27
Cable	\$100.00	<i>National average</i>
Water	\$40.00	<i>National average</i>
Total cost of utilities	\$477.02	6

National average utility cost

Utility	National average cost per month
Electricity	\$125.22
Natural gas	\$100.53
Internet (60 Mbps)	\$62.33
Cable	\$100
Water	\$40
Total cost of utilities	\$422.08

You and PU NH Commission are hurting NH's senior citizens, veterans, millennials, and people on tight budgets living paycheck to paycheck. Based on these new rates the commission so willingly approves, people will have to skip meals, medical treatments, prescriptions, kid's clothing etc. Do you consider how your decisions negatively impact NH citizens?

Lastly, Under your leadership (I believe you're new in your role) EVERY Rate INCREASE requested by Utilities servicing NH are Approved BY the NH PUC. Why aren't you tougher on these monopolies! Anyone can say YES - It's unacceptable NH ranks as 6th highest cost of utilities Nationally - you're good with that? Personally, I would be embarrassed by this Ranking. Look at how much electricity costs in NH vs. other cities and National average

Eversource Increases

2005 - Feb 2019 = 29.4% !

Plus

July 2019 & 2020:

Additional 2.9% + 4.3% = 7.2%

Outrageous Rate Increases -Does the NH PUC ever say NO??

Year	Effective Beginning (Month)	Rate R - Residential Rate (\$ per kWh)				
		Total Rate	Supply	Distribution	Transmission	Other
2005	August	0.13990	0.07240	0.02404	0.00413	0.03933
2006	February	0.15880	0.09130	0.02404	0.00413	0.03933
	July	0.13313	0.08180	0.02600	0.00521	0.02012
2007	January	0.13457	0.08590	0.02600	0.00521	0.01746
	July	0.13428	0.07830	0.02886	0.00826	0.01886
2008	January	0.13694	0.08820	0.02919	0.00826	0.01129
	July	0.14574	0.09570	0.02914	0.01035	0.01055
	October	0.14604	0.09570	0.02914	0.01035	0.01085
2009	January	0.15306	0.09920	0.02914	0.01035	0.01437
	August	0.15161	0.09030	0.03220	0.01037	0.01874
2010	January	0.15134	0.08960	0.03220	0.01037	0.01917
	July	0.15853	0.08780	0.03784	0.01625	0.01664
2011	January	0.15708	0.08670	0.03784	0.01625	0.01629
	July	0.15494	0.08890	0.03767	0.01293	0.01544
2012	January	0.15063	0.08310	0.03767	0.01293	0.01693
	April	0.15503	0.08750	0.03767	0.01293	0.01693
	July	0.14879	0.07110	0.03905	0.01480	0.02384
2013	January	0.16094	0.09540	0.03905	0.01480	0.01169
	July	0.15061	0.08990	0.04058	0.01863	0.00150
2014	January	0.15909	0.09230	0.04058	0.01863	0.00758
	July	0.15858	0.09870	0.04042	0.01786	0.00160
2015	January	0.16932	0.10560	0.04079	0.01786	0.00507
	July	0.15655	0.08980	0.04161	0.01957	0.00557
2016	January	0.16487	0.09990	0.04161	0.01957	0.00379
	July	0.18026	0.10950	0.04207	0.02390	0.00479
2017	January	0.18210	0.11170	0.04207	0.02390	0.00443
	July	0.18644	0.11660	0.04125	0.02542	0.00317
2018	January	0.18491	0.11250	0.04141	0.02542	0.00558
	April	0.16971	0.07903	0.04141	0.02542	0.02385

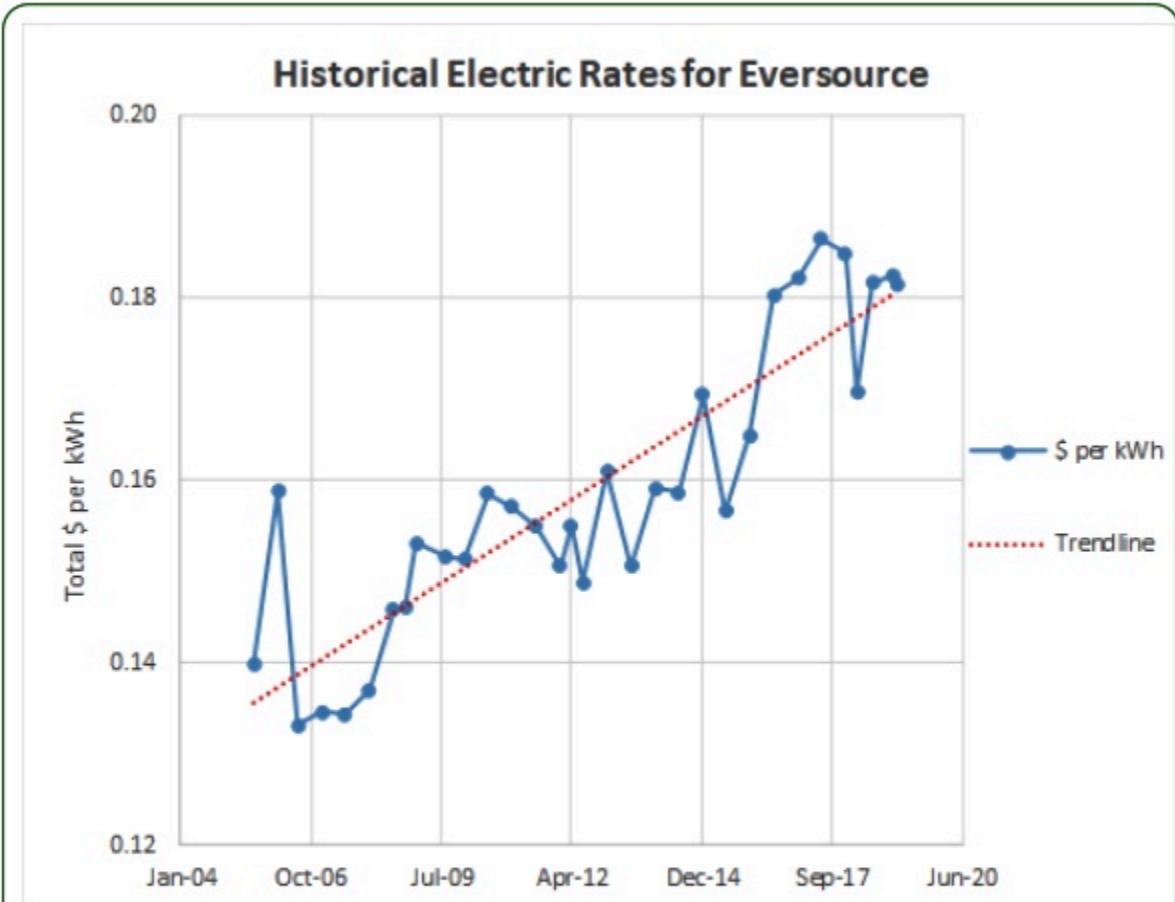


Figure 1: Graph displaying the historical electric rates for Eversource from February 2005-February 2019 with a trendline.

Thank you for listening and hope to receive a response.

Regards,

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