

Petition for Change in Rates
PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.
Birch Hill, North Conway, NH

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) has petitioned the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of an increase to its rates. PEU has asked for a temporary increase of 16.06% and an overall permanent increase of 21.24%, inclusive of a proposed step increase. PEU'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. Additionally PEU is requesting the elimination of the minimum 4 CCF monthly consumption charge and a reduction to the North Country Capital Recovery Surcharge for Birch Hill. The increase for a PEU residential general metered customer in Birch Hill would be as follows:

Average Residential Monthly Bill Based on Annual Usage of 42 ccf (100 Cubic Feet)				
	Customer Charge 5/8" Meter	Volumetric Charge (in 100 cubic feet)	North Country Capital Recovery Surcharge	Total Monthly
Current Rates (includes min 4 CCF)	\$17.19	\$24.96	\$46.05	\$88.20
Proposed Temporary Rate, based on actual usage, no minimum consumption charge	\$19.95	\$25.34	\$12.81	\$58.10
Proposed Permanent Rate, Including Step Increase	\$20.84	\$26.50	\$12.81	\$60.15

The Commission has scheduled a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held at the Commission's Offices in Concord on December 20, 2017 at 1:30 pm. At the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from PEU and other parties, and will consider requests for formal intervenor 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 PEU'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. The Commission's telephone and facsimile numbers are: Tel: (603) 271-2431; Fax: (603) 271-3878.

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