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Hello,

The increase requested by Hardwick Electric is absolutely outrageous. Our rates have been increasing at ridiculous rates since 2022 and we in Vermont cannot afford higher electric charges. Especially not this large of a jump - over 13%?! Please if it must be raised don't go higher than 5%. I work 3 jobs to live in this glorious state and am getting taxes and fined right out of it. Please do not let this pass!

Kind Regards,  
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