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I am writing in opposition to the Town of Hardwick Electric Department's (HED) request to raise its retail rate by 13.24%. An increase of over 10% seems excessive. There are many people in our community who are struggling with increases in the cost of living. While I support the service provided by HED and support HED employees, I think 13.24% is too much and HED should revisit its decision with a goal of reducing the increase or delaying it.

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