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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concern in Green Mountian Power's recently filed request in a change in their base rate. Vermont currently pays 6.5 cents more than the average in the US. Rasing the rate by 7.5% would increase that number to 8.2 cents. Vermont is in the top 10 states with the highest cost of living yet, is in the top 15 of lowest income. Vermonters are fleeing the state by storm as most are living paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford to live here any longer. Increasing the rate as we just had the coldest winter this state has seen in a very long time, is not only irresponsible but also thoughtless. I, myself, just received a \$1,200 electric bill as my home is heated primarily by heat pumps with a wood stove for supplemental heat. In the letter, they state that the average home will receive an increase of \$10. My bill would increase more than \$100 during heating months. I can barely afford my winter bills as it is. Please consider denying their request for this increase.

Best,

Courtney Bishop

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