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To Whom it May Concern:

My company owns several commercial buildings in Madison, Guilford & Westbrook primarily occupied by small businesses. Collectively, these buildings contain more than 230 Eversource meters to service the individual commercial units. The Rate 30 Customer Charge my small tenants are forced to pay just the have electric service is already $44.00/month and scheduled to increase **to $64.00/month – just for the privilege of having the basic necessity of electric service**.

These are often for small spaces with monthly rents less than $1,000/month. Adding it up at the new rate, the businesses in my buildings will be contributing approximately $176,000/year to Eversource solely from these Customer Charges.

Is there any possible reason why these customer charges should not be the same as the rates charged for residential customers? I would think that the cost of billing and collecting from business users would be less than the cost of residential users due to consumer protection laws. Reducing the Eversource charge from $64.00/month to the residential rate of $9.62/month would save my tenants alone approximately $150,000 per year. This is akin to a tax on small businesses, but instead of the revenue going to the State, the revenue serves to bolster Eversource's bottom line. Just imagine the collective "tax break" this reform could provide to small businesses statewide.

Now seems like an opportune time to resolve this longstanding unfair practice, with the current reevaluation of the business practices of the regulated utilities in Connecticut. These Customer Charges are the low hanging fruit amongst all small business utility charges as they are completely unrelated to the complicated generation, transmission and distribution issues. Reforming these charges would provide an immediate benefit to small businesses and finally level the playing field for small businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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