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To: Pura.ExecutiveSecretary
Subject: Formal Opposition to Eversource"s Proposed 18% Rate Increase – Docket No. 26-05-10
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Dear Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,

I am writing as a Connecticut homeowner and Eversource customer to formally oppose the proposed 18% residential electric rate increase scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2027, under Docket No. 26-05-10.

An increase of approximately $33 per month, or nearly $400 annually, for the average household is substantial. Connecticut residents are already struggling with high electricity costs, property taxes, insurance premiums, groceries, and other essential living expenses. Adding another significant increase to an already expensive utility bill places an unreasonable financial burden on working families.

As a homeowner who has invested in solar energy to help manage electricity expenses, I find it especially frustrating that electricity costs continue to rise despite efforts to reduce dependence on the grid. Homeowners who make investments in energy efficiency and alternative energy should not continually face escalating utility costs without clear, demonstrable benefits.

Electricity is an essential service, not a luxury. Families cannot simply choose to stop purchasing it when prices become unaffordable.

Before considering any rate increase, I urge PURA to require Eversource to:

1. Demonstrate that the proposed increase is absolutely necessary and that reasonable alternatives have been exhausted.
2. Provide a transparent breakdown of how additional revenue would be spent and how customers would directly benefit.
3. Thoroughly examine executive compensation, shareholder returns, administrative expenses, and opportunities for cost reductions before passing additional expenses to customers.
4. Ensure that existing rates are being used efficiently and that customers are not being asked to cover avoidable operational costs.
5. Consider the cumulative financial impact of repeated electricity rate increases on Connecticut households, particularly working families with children.

I recognize that maintaining a safe and reliable electrical grid requires significant investment. However, those investments must be balanced against affordability, financial accountability, and the interests of the customers who ultimately pay for them.

Connecticut residents deserve reliable electricity at reasonable rates, along with meaningful oversight of the utility companies providing these essential services.

I strongly urge PURA to reject the proposed 18% increase unless Eversource can conclusively demonstrate that it is necessary, justified, and in the best interests of Connecticut ratepayers.

Thank you for considering my comments and for representing the interests of Connecticut consumers.

Sincerely,

Nick Cook
Connecticut Homeowner and Eversource Customer

Re: PURA Docket No. 26-05-10