Regarding Docket 26-05-10
Eversource Electric Rate Increase Request

Ladies and Gentlemen, (PURA and Eversource)

Eversource kindly included some printed information about their upcoming rate review case in their last customer invoice correspondence of 10/06/2026. Their information does not say anything about:

1) What kind of investments are they really going to make? (How much of that will be spent on transmission improvements into the State of CT areas that have such challenges, i.e. particularly along the I-95 corridor leading into the Stamford and Greenwich areas?).
2) No comparison was provided between Commercial/Industrial/Business vs. Residential rates. (Is PURA or Eversource itself taking transparent measures to ensure that -potential- Technology and Data Centers pay a special and fair electricity (separately also water) price given their very fast-growing (A.I.-driven) needs?)
3) As PURA is directing as to where and when Rate Increase-public hearings have to take place, I would like to point out that starting times at 05:30 pm (for in-person) meetings is unfair and very difficult to make in our current heavy traffic environments, in particular along I-95 and our State of CT parkways. A 06:30 or 07:00 pm start would be more helpful and more transparent. Also, only one Zoom daytime option (12:00 pm) is not satisfactory – there should be additional evening options so that business professionals, families (with younger children) and senior people can make arrangements to attend).
4) On point 3) above: it is encouraging to learn that a 4th public hearing was subsequently organized. Venue: Danbury – while that is within Fairfield County, that does not serve the heavy I-95 corridor area between Westport-Norwalk-Stamford-Greenwich well enough.
5) Without better and more transparent information, I am unwilling to support any rate increases (unless proven otherwise, a strong motivational factor by Eversource also appears to be to bolster its general corporate cash flows and net profits given the non-successful acquisition and now disposal of Aquarion Water Company).

Respectfully submitted,

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