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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Ten Franklin Square
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Re: Docket No. 26-05-10 – Application of CL&P dba Eversource Energy to Amend its Rate Schedule

Dear Commissioners:

The Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") is a party to the above-captioned docket. To carry out its responsibilities under General Statutes § 16-2a, OCC has determined that it is necessary and desirable to retain one or more consultants in the subject proceeding, or in any related proceedings that may separately examine the rate applications filed by the subject company.

With these consultants, OCC intends to supplement its existing staff expertise in these rate cases. OCC has determined that the services of consultants are necessary and desirable to assist with matters within the scope of such rate cases.

At this time, OCC cannot anticipate the total cost for its consultants in this rate case. Given the circumstances of this application, OCC anticipates that the consulting expenditures may exceed the statutory limits set forth in General Statutes § 16-18a. If OCC determines that its consulting expenditures may exceed the initial dollar limits given there, it will so inform the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("Authority") and present the justification for such supplementary funding.

By this letter, pursuant to General Statutes § 16-18a, OCC asks the Authority to allow participants in this docket the statutory opportunity to comment on OCC's decision to retain such consultant or consultants.

The Authority's prompt attention to this matter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on this day the foregoing document was filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and copies thereof were served upon each person designated on the official service list in this proceeding in accordance with R.C.S.A. § 16-1-15.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut this 21st day of May, 2026.

/s/Kimberly White
Commissioner of the Superior Court