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To: The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority:
Re: Docket No. 26-05-10

Unlike Marissa Gillett, we don't have the expertise to know how much waste is in Eversource's budget. However, we do know Eversource's priorities are wrong, and this budget proposal is just another example of profits over the welfare of the people – especially those converting to electricity to save the planet.

For those with their heads in the sand while facing an imminent climate catastrophe - wake up!

We need to eliminate fossil fuels and convert everything to electric ASAP.

This proposal will have the opposite effect.

Consumers will continue to use gas/oil unless electricity costs go down.
Case in point: Heat Pumps will work to heat homes down to -30 F degrees. However, most home heat pumps in CT are set to switch to oil/gas at 35 to 40 degrees – simply because the extra electricity cost exceeds the cost of gas/oil at those colder temperatures.

We must keep electric prices low even if it means they're subsidized by say the oil companies, or the governments. Or, have lower rates for those with EV's or Heat Pumps.

My Background:

In 2013 we had solar panels installed on our roof. However, we weren't able to install the recommended number of panels because Eversource wouldn't let the estimated annual kWh solar production exceed our prior year's usage (which happened to be low that year for a variety of reasons). Three years later we got an EV car, 4 years ago we replaced our natural gas water heater with a heat pump, and 3 years ago we shut down our natural gas (methane) furnace and now use a heat pump for heat and A/C.
Obviously we're using a lot more electricity than our solar panels produce.

Note: It's discouraging that switching from natural gas to electricity isn't currently reducing our green house gases as much as it should, since most of the electricity from Eversource is still produced from fossil fuels! Hopefully that will change soon.

Here's the impact of the proposed budget on our household:

According to the proposed Residential Rate 1 rates, Eversource's kWh fees increased 54.7% (0.07886 to 0.12196). This will increase our monthly bill by an average of **$28 MORE** per month. (Based on our average monthly usage of 587 kWh/month.) That's on top of whatever the electric supplier kWh increases may be.

A few more points:

1. Even though we haven't used any Natural Gas for over 3 years, we're unable to eliminate Eversource's $20/month gas service charge. That's because if we lose power in the winter, we'd need to turn our gas furnace back on, and according to Eversource, it would take 2 weeks or longer to turn the gas back on to heat our home. Let's change that response time to 24 hours.

2. How much time and money did Eversource waste on disparaging Marissa Gillett?

3. How much money did Eversource spend to influence politicians? I see most of that money was given to Republican climate deniers.