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Good morning!

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To the Commissioners of PURA,

I am writing to formally and unequivocally demand that PURA completely reject Eversource's latest unconscionable attempt to hike rates on Connecticut families. I submit this comment after enduring a staggering display of grid instability and operational incompetence in New Canaan that should disqualify this company from receiving a single additional dime of ratepayer money.

Over the span of just a few days, my household and my community have been subjected to a humiliating infrastructure collapse:

1. First, a grueling 26-hour blackout following seasonal storms.
2. Power was restored, only to collapse again into a second 18-hour blackout just one day later.
3. Finally, this morning, half the entire town of New Canaan was plunged into a massive blackout due to a catastrophic Eversource substation failure.

To endure nearly 45 total hours in the dark, get power back, and then have a localized substation completely fail the town just hours later proves that Eversource's grid is not resilient, it is a fragile house of cards. This morning's substation failure was not a "weather event"; it was a direct symptom of deferred maintenance, neglected infrastructure, and structural incompetence.

What makes this multi-day crisis so insulting is the absolute vacuum of communication. During both storm outages and this morning's substation collapse, Eversource failed to provide reliable, clear Estimated Times of Restoration (ETAs). They effectively ghosted thousands of paying customers while downed trees, blue skies, and fried transformers dictated our lives.

Connecticut ratepayers already endure some of the highest electric bills in the United States. We are told these premium prices are necessary to maintain a world-class grid. Instead, we are paying luxury prices for third-world reliability.

The math of Eversource's business model is simple: maximize executive wealth, minimize public safety.

While my family watched our groceries rot and our town's critical infrastructure blinked on

and off, Eversource executives remained safely insulated by multi-million dollar compensation packages and lavish bonuses. It is a public embarrassment that a corporate monopoly can consistently fail to maintain baseline infrastructure, leave a major municipality vulnerable to compounding substation failures, and then have the unmitigated gall to walk into a PURA hearing room and ask for *more* of our hard-earned money.

Eversource does not have a revenue problem; they have a gross incompetence and corporate greed problem. They should be facing severe punitive fines and a state-mandated audit of their substation maintenance protocols, not a rewarded rate hike.

Reward performance, not chronic failure. I urge PURA to deny this rate case in its entirety and force Eversource's highly paid executives to fund their infrastructure repairs out of their own bonuses, rather than further bleeding the captive consumers of this state.

Respectfully submitted,

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