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I am sending this email as a response to the request for Public comment regarding EVERSOURCE rate increase.
I am against the rate increase. EVERSOURCE is a for profit publicly held corporation and has the ability to raise revenue in various ways. **As a publicly held corporation, EVERSOURCE has the ability to sell stock to increase its capital for capital expenditures, like assets (machinery etc.) and day to day operational expenses**.
For example:

- $60,000 for salaries and utilities (OpEx) — deducted immediately for tax.
- $40,000 for new machinery (CapEx) — recorded as an asset, depreciated over its useful life.
- **If EVERSOURCE needs the money, it can sell stock.**

The resident of CT who is an EVERSOURCE CUSTOMER does not have the ability to sell stock to raise money for their "operational" costs of daily living or capital expenses/asset like purchasing a car. I need to ask, **what has EVERSOURCE been doing for the past 10 years that it now states it suddenly needs to purchase new equipment and machinery, and that they are now concerned about the energy grid**?
Perhaps a better allocation of its profits should have been prudently considered by its Board of Directors?
It should also be noted that the charges for "Public Benefits" is a ruse. Connecticut residents already pay for "Public Benefits" when they pay their taxes. (State taxes deposited into the General Fund are used for PUBLIC BENEFIT services. It should also be noted that EVERSOURCE also receives Federal Funding to support the PUBLIC BENEFITS.)
New legislation should mandate reviews the of the INCOME (Profit and Loss) statements specifically the gross and net earnings **EVERYTIME THERE IS A RATE CHANGE,** and not only when a specific percentage increase is asked. As such, there needs to be a cap on "profits".
In addition to the current PURA members, there should be a CORPORATE TAX SPECIALIST as well as a customer/consumer advocate
The residents of CT deserve more than an Energy Puzzle to understand where their energy is coming from (-wind? solar? nuclear/Dominion) and WE the people of Connecticut, need to know how much energy is being diverted to data centers for AI from all the sources.
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