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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)
10 Franklin Square
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Dear Chairperson and Commissioners:

I am urging PURA very strongly to increase both the number and geographic distribution of in-person public comment hearings for Docket 26-05-10.

I thank PURA for providing opportunities for members of the public to submit comments. At the same time, I am very concerned that there has not been a single in-person hearing in Northeast Connecticut. The three scheduled hearings are in New Britain, New London, and Danbury, along with one additional virtual hearing.

That is not sufficient.

People living in Northeast Connecticut should have the same meaningful opportunity to participate in the regulatory process as those who live in other areas of the state. For older adults, working families, people with disabilities, and individuals without convenient access to transportation, traveling long distances to attend a hearing can be a genuine obstacle. While a virtual hearing is useful, it should serve as a supplement, not a replacement for opportunities to participate in person.

Our residents care deeply about the affordability of electricity and the impact utility rates have on families, seniors, and businesses. They deserve an opportunity to have their voices heard directly. Since PURA is a statewide agency, it must make every reasonable effort to bring the public process to the people it serves.

I therefore make a respectful yet firm request that PURA arrange an in-person public hearing in Northeast Connecticut in connection with this proceeding and ensure that geographic accessibility is given greater consideration in future cases. The residents of Northeast Connecticut should not be treated as a secondary consideration in this process.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I look forward to your response and to seeing PURA take concrete steps to ensure that residents across Connecticut have a meaningful opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,



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