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Subject: Public comment for docket #26-05-10

Hello,

I am Charles A. Baugh residing at 25 Acra Rd, Waterbury, CT 06708. I am writing to submit public comment and opposition regarding docket # 26-05-10 re: eversource application for rate review (increase).

I would like to respectfully demand that any requests or legislation for rate increases for any reason be OPPOSED AND DENIED.

Ct has some of the highest energy costs in the country. There is absolutely NO reason it should be that way. We are plagued by expensive and non-beneficial government mandates and programs including “green” energy and public benefits. We are also plagued by greedy utility companies like eversource that like to cry broke especially after a catastrophe like a storm. Unfortunately for them i see through this and do not buy any of their claims that they aren’t making any money (or enough money), and firmly believe that the costs of maintaining, repairing, and improving the infrastructure should lie solely on them with absolutely no help from government or taxpayers and ratepayers other than a reasonable rate. Other states seem to manage their systems just fine and provide reasonable rates even in the aftermath of major natural disasters and other costs. In fact, for the last several years, eversource has posted over $1 BILLION in profits. That is very impressive for a small utility company that only operates in 5 states! That fact alone is why they absolutely do not need or deserve any rate increases! They ended the year in black ink, and paid all their bills and shareholders. What they seem to be forgetting is that part of doing any business involves reaching back into THEIR own pockets and investing back into the business in the form of repairs, maintenance, upgrades, and hardening. This should not be ignored and then proposed as an additional responsibility borne on ratepayers or taxpayers because they dont want to look less profitable or upset their shareholders while they spend this money on THEIR infrastructure.

Also, it is interesting to note that they are in the top 5 of the highest spending lobbyists in the state of ct... Why do they need to spend so much on lobbying? What are they trying to gain besides more money for them? Clearly they already have our current governor and it seems like PURA and DEEP in their back pocket.

It is well past time that government starts working for the people it was elected to represent and i am not alone in saying that I will not stand for so much as $0.01 more in utility costs, taxes, fees, or other charges. Enough is beyond enough already. We are taxed, fee'ed, charged, public benefit'ed more than we ever should be, and we are struggling to make ends meet in this state. That needs to end NOW.

To that end, i vehemently OPPOSE eversource or any other utility getting any rate increases for any reason going on now or well into the future. I respectfully demand that you and our legislature deny any requests for additional costs or funding, and instead, work on ways to reduce costs. That effort can be off to a good start with cutting public benefits and making everyone responsible for their own bills.

Respectfully submitted,

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