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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Ten Franklin Square
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Re: Docket No. 26-05-10 – Application of CL&P dba Eversource Energy to Amend its Rate Schedule

Dear Commissioners:

The Office of Consumer Counsel and the Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement (together, "State Parties") respectfully submit to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("Authority") this comment on Motion No. 9, submitted by Eversource Energy ("Eversource") on July 14, 2026. In the Motion, Eversource states that it will initially make a bulk filing of confidential material and then file redacted versions of the material over the course of the next three months. Presuming the Authority deems Eversource's rate case to be filed without Eversource having fully complied with the Notices of Procedural Order issued on July 10, 2026, the State Parties will begin issuing interrogatories prior to Eversource making the redacted filings.[1] As the State Parties indicated in the technical meeting regarding this issue, it is not only the hearings that are impacted by the lack of clarity regarding what specific information Eversource is requesting to be protected, but also discovery. Parties posing interrogatories must use their best judgment based on the Notices to determine what material may be included in the public interrogatory. Erring on the side of confidentiality not only limits the information available to the public, but incorrectly places the burden on the parties in the docket to unnecessarily redact interrogatories and make confidential filings.

Many of the State Parties' interrogatories will relate to topics that are toward the latter end of Eversource's proposed filing schedule. As a result, if the Authority grants the Motion, to the extent the State Parties' interrogatories request information regarding costs, pursuant to the practice in Docket No. 25-12-13 the State Parties would plan to redact only the rates of outside/third party vendors from its interrogatories (e.g., references to information on timesheets or other supporting material will not be redacted).

The State Parties thank the Authority for its ongoing management of this proceeding and the corresponding issues surrounding the public's right to transparency.

[1] Delaying discovery for months is infeasible and would create an undue burden on the State Parties later in the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on this day the foregoing document was filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and copies thereof were served upon each person designated on the official service list in this proceeding in accordance with R.C.S.A. § 16-1-15.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut this 15th day of July, 2026.

/s/Kimberly White
Commissioner of the Superior Court