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To CT PURA:

I urge PURA to reject any unjustified rate increases proposed by Eversource and put Connecticut ratepayers first.

Connecticut residents recently received welcome relief on their electric bills after adjustments to the public benefits charge. Now, Eversource is seeking additional rate increases while its CEO has publicly highlighted substantial cash inflows, including $1.7 billion from the sale of Aquarion Water and approximately $960 million in Connecticut storm-cost recoveries.

These funds have different purposes, but they raise an important question: **Why should Connecticut families be asked to pay more when Eversource itself is touting significant financial inflows and an ambitious investment plan?**

PURA should independently scrutinize Eversource's finances, proposed spending, and claimed costs. Customers should not be forced to pay twice for expenses already recovered, fund imprudent investments, or subsidize corporate growth at the expense of household affordability.

Electricity is an essential service. Working families, seniors, and small businesses cannot simply opt out of high utility bills. Sure, Eversource deserves a fair return on prudent investments, but they should not have a blank check to raise rates.

I urge PURA to demand full transparency, rigorously justify every proposed increase, and reject any costs that are excessive, duplicative, or not in the public interest. Connecticut ratepayers deserve lasting relief, not another rate hike that takes it away.

Respectfully, V. Lai
A Concerned Connecticut Ratepayer