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To the Commissioners of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority:

I am an Eversource residential customer in New Canaan, and I am writing to oppose Eversource's request for a $727 million annual rate increase in the docket referenced above. I urge PURA to reject it or substantially reduce it.

Eversource will point out that customers can choose a third-party electricity supplier. That choice is real, but it is irrelevant here. This rate case concerns distribution, the delivery of power over Eversource's poles and wires, and no Connecticut customer can choose a different company for that. Every customer pays Eversource's delivery charges regardless of supplier.

In a competitive market, a company that raised prices by double digits would lose customers. On delivery, Eversource faces no such consequence. The only check on its pricing is this Authority.

That is exactly why the burden of proof must sit with Eversource, and why that burden should be heavy. Eversource earns its profit as a return on the capital it spends, which gives it every incentive to spend more and ask ratepayers to fund it. A request of this size, which by the Attorney General's estimate would raise residential bills by roughly 11 percent before storm costs are even counted, is a request to grow shareholder returns on the backs of customers who have no alternative.

Connecticut families already pay some of the highest electricity rates in the country. Asking them to absorb another increase of this magnitude is wrong, and it should not be allowed.

I respectfully ask the Authority to:

1. Deny any increase in Eversource's authorized return on equity.
2. Disallow executive compensation, bonuses, and any cost that does not directly improve safety and reliability.
3. Require Eversource to demonstrate, line by line, that every dollar requested is necessary, and reject what it cannot justify.

Thank you for your consideration. Please include this letter in the public record for this docket.

Sincerely,
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