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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
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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 ("OCC") respectfully submits this comment to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("Authority") regarding Motion No. 36, where The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") requested an extension of time to respond to interrogatories. The Motion states that OCC was unavailable to respond at the time of the filing. As demonstrated through the multiple motions for extension already filed in this proceeding, OCC has been exceptionally accommodating, but in this instance, Eversource emailed OCC at 4:55 p.m. on August 26th and filed the Motion at 6:15 p.m. on the same day. The timing of the email would make the request for OCC's position on the Motion form over substance, but the entire Motion already embodied form over substance in that it "requested" an extension for twenty-seven interrogatories that were already late. As OCC and other parties have noted for years, a request for an extension filed on (or in this case, after) something is due is not a question, it is a statement. Even if the Authority immediately denied the Motion today, it would only require Eversource to file responses tomorrow, which is precisely what Eversource "requested." For years state parties have lamented how regulated entities manipulate the Authority's motions practice to their advantage, with Docket No. 25-12-13 expanding that practice to new lengths. It appears this docket has begun following the same path.

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 27th day of August, 2026.

/s/Kimberly White
Commissioner of the Superior Court