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Chairman Thomas Wiehl
Vice Chairman David Arconti
Commissioner Janice Beecher
Commissioner Holly Cheeseman
Commissioner Everett Smith
Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
153 Market Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Chairman Wiehl, Vice Chairman Arconti, Commissioner Beecher, Commissioner Cheeseman, and Commissioner Smith:

I write to express my strong opposition to Eversource's proposed rate increase. The company's request would raise electric distribution rates by approximately 13% for Connecticut residential ratepayers and, to a lesser but still substantial degree, for non-residential ratepayers.

This is unacceptable.

At a time when hardworking individuals, families, seniors, and job-creating small businesses across Connecticut are already struggling through an affordability crisis and persistently high living costs, an increase of this magnitude would place an additional and unsustainable burden on ratepayers. My constituents consistently express concerns about the affordability of their electric bills, and many simply cannot absorb another significant increase. I share their concerns.

While I recognize the importance of maintaining a safe and reliable electric system, and I recognize that utilities are entitled to seek recovery of prudent and reasonable costs, any request for additional revenue must be subjected to rigorous scrutiny and supported by clear justification. Connecticut consumers deserve reliable service at rates that are fair, reasonable, and affordable.

I respectfully urge PURA to deny the proposed rate increase.

Additionally, I am concerned by Eversource's request to keep confidential approximately 300,000 pages of information related to these proceedings. I respectfully urge PURA to reject that request. A rate case of this magnitude demands transparency, accountability, and meaningful public participation. The burden rests with the utility to justify its request, and ratepayers have a

right to understand the basis for any proposed increase that will directly affect their household budgets and business operations.

Connecticut residents deserve to know what information is being considered by PURA when making decisions that will have a significant financial impact on their lives. Transparency is essential to maintaining public trust in the regulatory process.

I urge PURA to place the interests of Connecticut ratepayers at the forefront of its decision-making process and to conduct these proceedings in a manner that is transparent, accountable, and fair.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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