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Dear Executive Secretary Gaudiosi,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Eversource's proposed rate increase in Docket No. 26-05-10.

For years, Connecticut families and businesses have faced some of the highest electricity costs in the nation. Eversource's current proposal—estimated by the company to raise residential bills by approximately 11%, and potentially up to 18% when storm-related costs are included—would place an additional and unacceptable burden on ratepayers.

At a time when residents are already struggling with the rising costs of housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare, further increases in monthly electric bills are simply not sustainable. Seniors on fixed incomes, working families, and small businesses are already making difficult financial choices. This proposal would only exacerbate those challenges.

Equally concerning is that this request comes from a company that reported $1.69 billion in profits last year, increased shareholder returns, and awarded its CEO nearly $15 million in compensation. Ratepayers should not be asked to absorb significant increases without a clear and compelling demonstration that every dollar is necessary, justified, and in the public interest.

I fully recognize the importance of maintaining a reliable and resilient electric grid. However, any request to recover billions in deferred storm-related costs must be subject to rigorous, independent review. Ratepayers deserve transparency, accountability, and assurance that these costs are appropriate and that investments in system resiliency are being made responsibly.

I am also concerned by Eversource's effort to keep roughly 300,000 pages of its filing confidential. I was happy to see the Authority's July 10, 2026 Procedural Order reject the company's bulk confidentiality proposal, finding that "sheer volume is not a sufficient basis" for withholding records from the public. I urge the Authority to hold firm to this standard as the proceeding continues.

Before any rate increase is approved, I respectfully request that PURA:

1. Require full public disclosure of Eversource's filing, subject only to narrowly tailored and clearly justified confidentiality claims; and

2. Hold a public hearing in the 36th State Senate District so that residents and businesses have the opportunity to hear directly from Eversource and to share their perspectives.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to protecting Connecticut ratepayers through a fair, transparent, and thorough review process.

Sincerely,

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