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To the Executive Secretary and Commissioners of PURA,

I am writing to formally register my strong opposition to the proposed 18% rate increase by Eversource. Connecticut residents already pay some of the highest utility rates in the country, and piling another double-digit increase onto our families is entirely unsustainable.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, utility customers in this state have been subjected to a near-constant barrage of rate hikes. Over the last six years, overall electricity rates have surged by approximately 40%. We have seen massive spikes in supply costs, repeated adjustments to delivery and public benefit charges, and record-high bills that peak winter after winter.

Every time consumers are told these increases are "temporary" or "necessary market adjustments," yet our bills never return to a reasonable baseline. Household budgets have a breaking point, and we reached it long ago. Eversource needs to find ways to manage its infrastructure and operational costs without continuously treating Connecticut ratepayers as an open checkbook.

I urge PURA to stand up for the working families of Connecticut, scrutinize this filing with the utmost skepticism, and reject this 18% hike.

Thank you for your time and for entering these comments into the official public record.

Sincerely,
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