STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION, OUTREACH & ENFORCEMENT

August 19, 2026

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 26-08-02 – Annual Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Review – Year 6

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Interconnection Working Group (IXWG), the Office of Education, Outreach, and Enforcement (EOE) of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority) files this correspondence in compliance with Order No. 5 of the Authority's Final Decision in Docket No. 22-06-29 regarding the IXWG's assessment of the Electric Distribution Companies' (EDCs) fee adder portion of the interconnection cost allocation policy in the Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (RRES) program.

Order No. 5 directed as follows:

> *No later than July 22, 2026, the Working Group shall submit as compliance an assessment of the interconnection cost allocation policy for residential DERs authorized in this Decision through Docket No. 26-08-02, Annual Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program Review – Year 6. The assessment shall include:*
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> *a. Suggestions for refining or improving the cost allocation model;*
> *b. Identification of any issues with the current model;*
> *c. Suggestions for alternative methods of cost allocation if appropriate; and*
> *d. Methods for refining the application fee adder.*

Final Decision, Dec. 20, 2023, Docket No. 22-06-29, PURA Investigation Into Distributed Energy Resource Interconnection Cost Allocation, p. 21. The IXWG, through EOE, requested an extension of time to respond until August 19, 2026, which the Authority granted. See Motion No. 3, July 21, 2026; Ruling on Motion No. 3, Aug. 3, 2026.

At the monthly IXWG meeting held on August 11, 2026, Eversource Energy (Eversource) and United Illuminating (UI or Avangrid) summarized the data filed in this docket in compliance with Order No. 4 of Docket No. 22-06-29. See Avangrid Compliance

with Order No. 4, filed July 31, 2026 (UI Order No. 4 Compliance); Order No. 4 in Docket 22-06-29 Eversource Energy Compliance Filing, filed August 3, 2026 (Eversource Order No. 4 Compliance). The EDCs also explained their reasons for not proposing any changes to the fee adder at this point in time. Based on the discussions in the IXWG among members present at the meeting and review of the EDCs' data, the IXWG concludes that no change to the fee adder is necessary at this time.

While the data show that the fee adder does not fully cover the transformer upgrade costs incurred by UI or Eversource,[1] the monthly bill increase for an average residential customer required to recover those costs when distributed across all ratepayers is minimal: $0.003/month for Eversource[2] and $0.0006/month for UI. See Eversource Order No. 4 Compliance, Attachment 2; UI Order No. 4 Compliance.

In addition, the IXWG members present at the meeting concluded through their discussions with the EDCs that changes to the current RRES program may not be in the best interest of consumers given that the RRES program is ending in the near future; thus, keeping the structure and fees consistent for the remainder of the RRES program will likely provide a better experience for consumers.

The IXWG members present at the meeting also believe the renewable energy successor programs currently being discussed and developed by the Authority and stakeholders provide a better opportunity to consider the necessary changes to the fee adder in particular as well as the full cost allocation policy in general. See, e.g., Docket No. 26-06-04, Implementation of Clean Energy Successor Program; Docket No. 25-02-14, Renewable Energy Tariff Program Successor Study; Public Act No. 26-127.

The IXWG would like to continue discussions with the EDCs and other stakeholders as the clean energy successor programs are developed to determine how to best utilize cost allocation policies in those programs. EOE and the IXWG appreciate the opportunity to share this information with the Authority.

Sincerely,

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[1] Eversource reported that transformer upgrade costs from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, were $761,854 and the fee adder provided $157,991, or approximately 21% of the total costs. Eversource Order No. 4 Compliance, Attachments 1 and 2. Similarly, UI reported that transformer upgrade costs for the same period were $236,756 while the total recovery from adder fees was $41,025, or approximately 17% of the total costs. UI Order No. 4 Compliance.

[2] Eversource reported that the average customer cost per month is $0.003 in 2026, $0.006 in 2027, and continued the analysis through 2067, with the average cost per month ranging from $0.000 to $0.007. Eversource Order No. 4 Compliance, Attachment 2.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I 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.

Sincerely,

By: /s/ Jamie Spannhake

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