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Dear Commissioner Gillett and Members of the Public Utilities Regulatory Agency,

I am writing in reference to the recent rate hike requests from Eversource and United Illuminating to take effect on May 1, 2024.

Residential generation rates for Eversource customers have risen about 59 percent in the past 10 years, from 7.6 cents per kilowatt hour in the second half of 2013 to 12.1 cents per kilowatt hour in the second half of 2022. In January, 2024, the average monthly residential electricity bill in Connecticut was 44.89% higher than the national average monthly bill of \$156.21, which represents the second highest average electricity bill in the US.

I have had many conversations with constituents who are deeply concerned about the financial burden of rate hikes. Connecticut ratepayers pay the highest utility rates in the continental United States. I urge you to fully consider the impact the requests from Eversource and United Illuminating will have on ratepayers, especially older and low-income residents, many of whom are having difficulty paying their utility bills in addition to other expenses like food and medicine.

I strongly oppose these rate hikes and encourage PURA to employ policies that make rates affordable and predictable.

Sincerely,
Rep. Rachel Khanna