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## **Rep. Linehan Slams Eversource Rate Hike Request** *Submits comments opposing increase to PURA*

**State Rep. Liz Linehan** (D-Cheshire/Southington/Wallingford) submitted comments to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) today in opposition to the Eversource Energy rate hike request.

If Eversource's request is approved by PURA, distribution rates would increase 2.47 percent in the first year, another 0.81 percent in the second, and another 0.61 percent in the third. It's estimated that consumers' monthly electric bills would increase by an average of \$6. The fee increases would take effect May 1 if approved.

Rep. Linehan's comments note that despite rate hikes in recent years, consumers are still widely dissatisfied with Eversource's service. In October, outages across the state left some residents in Cheshire, Southington, and Wallingford without power for days.

"Connecticut already has some of the highest electric rates in the country – our residents simply can't afford another rate hike," **Rep. Linehan** said. "Consumers already saw their electric bills go up at the start of this year, and they have very little confidence in Eversource right now. We shouldn't even be discussing a potential rate hike, especially without seeing solid evidence of acceptable service."

Eversource customers recently started receiving higher bills because of an increase in the generation service charge that took effect on January 1.

Rep. Linehan is also alerting constituents that they can submit comments to PURA via email at [PURA.ExecutiveSecretary@ct.gov](mailto:PURA.ExecutiveSecretary@ct.gov). Comments should reference Docket Number 17-10-46. Additional information is available on the [PURA webpage](#).

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**\*\*Copy of PURA comments attached**