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Marissa Paslick Gillett, Chairman
John W. Betkoski III, Vice Chairman
Michael Caron, Commissioner
Public Utility Regulatory Authority
Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

On February 17th, 2021, *The Hartford Courant* quoted Eversource Chief Executive Officer James Judge concerning the costs associated with Tropical Storm Isaias. Alarming, he predicted that your agency would permit the utility to recover some or all of their costs associated with this devastating event from ratepayers.

My constituents and those you represent as the commissioners of PURA are facing unparalleled economic and health crises. This past summer, the tropical storm added to the stress this state is under with the extensive damage it caused. However, Eversource was wholly unprepared in their response and is currently under investigation by your agency for such failures in preparedness and planning.

In the past year, Eversource has reported record profit earnings of 1.2 billion amidst egregious rate increases. With such, there is a clear dissatisfaction with their prices, profits, and performance across the state. It is simply unreasonable and infeasible to expect my constituents and other Connecticut residents to bear the burden of these costs on top of mounting unprecedented circumstances.

On behalf of my constituents and the people of this state, I request that you do not permit your agency to recover any portion of the costs resulting from Tropical Storm Isaias in the form of rate recovery.

Sincerely,

Pat Boyd

CC: CGA Energy & Technology Committee Leadership