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Re: Eversource Rate Case, D.P.U. docket 17-05, as amended

Dear Chairman O'Connor:

The Town of Chilmark has serious concerns about the proposed Eversource rate changes (and significantly increased ratepayer charges). We would like to take this opportunity to strongly support the briefs filed on behalf of the Cape Light Compact JPE regarding this proposal.

The changes requested by Eversource are numerous and complex, as you are aware. Many of these changes are problematic from our point of view, but for purposes of this letter, we would point out the following key impacts of the proposed rate design:

- The proposal significantly disincentivizes residential customers from investment in solar energy and energy efficiency efforts;
- The rate design results in higher electricity charges for all residential customers, unsupported by a clear cost-benefit analysis; and
- The plan appears to shift significant costs from the area formerly served by the Western Massachusetts Electric Company to the area formerly served by NSTAR – including the Cape and Islands – unrelated to the actual costs incurred in those areas.

We respectfully request that the current proposal be rejected and Eversource be requested to develop a plan that is more responsive to the current and future needs of the company's customers and the communities it serves.

Sincerely,

CC: Sen. Cyr

Rep. Fernandes