

To the Honorable Members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

I am writing to ask you to make electric utilities in Connecticut public. We cannot expect for-profit companies to put the needs of residents first.

If Connecticut is serious about being a leader in green energy that is not going to happen with private utilities. We need to make them public. We need to focus on cleaner, renewable sources of energy, and we need to do it urgently.

Also, in light of the response by Eversource to the recent rate increases and storm Isaias, there is no reasonable explanation for the extraordinary compensation received by the heads of the company. As public utility the compensation could be a little more reasonable and perhaps customers could afford to pay their bills.

Private utilities are not working for the state, they are not working for the environment, and they are not working for consumers. Private utilities are working for themselves. Connecticut literally needs to take the power back.

Thank you,
Carrie Richards