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Stephanie De La Rosa
Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Ms. De La Rosa,

I am a Rhode Island resident and ratepayer submitting this comment for inclusion in the official record for Docket No. 25-45-GE, Rhode Island Energy's application to increase electric and gas base distribution rates.

I am writing to formally object to this proposed increase. My most recent electric bill came to approximately \$1,600 — more than a full week's pay for me. On that bill, the delivery charge alone was multiple times higher than my actual electricity usage charge. I did not use more power; I am simply being charged more to have it delivered. This is not sustainable for working households in this state.

Delivery charges are fixed and unavoidable. Customers cannot shop around for a better delivery rate, conserve their way out of the fixed customer charge, or opt out of these costs in any way. Approving another increase on top of what is already an unaffordable burden will push more Rhode Island families into utility debt, forced disconnection risk, or having to choose between electricity and other basic needs.

I ask the Commission to:

1. Reject or substantially reduce the proposed distribution rate increase in this docket;
2. Require Rhode Island Energy to demonstrate real, itemized justification for every dollar of the requested increase, not just projected costs;
3. Prioritize ratepayer affordability over guaranteed utility profit margins in your final determination, consistent with the Commission's obligation under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-1 to ensure rates are "just and reasonable."

Thank you for your time and for representing the public interest in this proceeding. Please confirm this comment has been entered into the official record for Docket No. 25-45-GE.

Respectfully,
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