

# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Join the Town of Vernon in opposing Eversource's 19 percent rate increase request

**VERNON, Connecticut** – The Town of Vernon urges Eversource customers who oppose the utility's 19 percent rate increase request to make their views known to the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

If approved by PURA, the increase would go into effect in May and would cost the average residential customer an additional \$38 a month.

The Town of Vernon opposes the rate increase request as it would dramatically increase what the town, residents and businesses pay for electricity. Mayor Dan Champagne urges residents who oppose the increase to make their position known by signing the petition linked below.

"Connecticut electric rates keep climbing and climbing and consumers need a break," Mayor Champagne said. "I am going to oppose this increase to PURA and I urge others to join me in doing so. We have to speak up."

Any Eversource customer, regardless of where they live, is invited to sign Vernon's petition. All are welcome and encouraged to sign our petition, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro said.

"This rate increase will impact everyone, which is why we welcome people from throughout the state to sign on with our effort," Purcaro said. "We encourage other communities to take the same steps we are taking in standing up to Eversource and its continued rate increases. We need to join together on behalf of our residents."

The town will forward the petition to the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

The Town of Vernon and its local Energy Improvement District Board recently launched the "Empower Vernon" program to help residents find savings on energy costs. For tips on money-saving programs, home energy audits and finding alternative electricity suppliers other than Eversource, visit the "Empower Vernon" web page: <https://www.vernon-ct.gov/about/energy-efficiency-resources>

For information about Eversource energy bill assistance programs, please follow this link:  
<https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/account-billing/manage-bill/about-your-bill/energy-bill-assistance>

To sign the petition, follow this link: <https://www.vernon-ct.gov/fs/form-manager/view/f1f3b79f-1c42-4e35-864f-2c5b8f76e0b6>

### **About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of more than 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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