

**Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(d)
2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan
November 14, 2022**

NOTICE OF EXTENSION FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

I. BACKGROUND

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby issues this Notice of Extension for Written Comments regarding the 2023 Update to the 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan (2023 Plan Update). Comments were originally due on November 15. In response to a motion from the Connecticut Industrial Energy Consumers, DEEP is hereby extending the deadline for comments to November 25.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(d), the proposed 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan (C&LM Plan) was submitted to the DEEP for approval on November 1, 2021 by Eversource Energy (Eversource), The United Illuminating Company (UI), Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG) and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG) (collectively the Utilities), in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB).¹ DEEP is required, in an uncontested proceeding, to approve, modify or reject the three-year C&LM Plan and the detailed budget submitted with the Plan, including any annual updates submitted by the Utilities. On June 1, 2022, DEEP issued a Determination approving, with conditions, the 2022-2024 C&LM Plan.²

The three-year C&LM Plan is updated on an annual basis. The Utilities, in consultation with the EEB, DEEP, and other stakeholders began drafting the 2023 Plan Update to Connecticut's 2022-2024 C&LM Plan (2023 Plan Update) during the summer of 2022. The EEB and DEEP held two public input sessions to inform the development of the 2023 Plan Update in July and September 2022.³ On September 14, 2022, the EEB voted to approve, with conditions, the Budgets and Savings Tables for the 2023 Plan

¹ See 2022-2024 Conservation & Load Management Plan and Program Savings Document, November 1, 2021, available at

<http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/04d115cb68d338b785258788007091c9?OpenDocument>.

² See DEEP Determination regarding the 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan, June 1, 2022, available at

<https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/92c11f8776277ac0852588550070059b?OpenDocument>.

³ See DEEP Notices of Joint DEEP/EEB Public Input Session – 2023 C&LM Plan Update, July 2022 & September 2022, available at

<https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/e274b9d4be89c8b88525887d005b5c90?OpenDocument>;

<https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/43c0cb6454190548852588ae004a4fc7?OpenDocument>.

Update.⁴ On October 12, 2022, the EEB voted to approve, with conditions, the text of the 2023 Plan Update.⁵

Subsequently, the Utilities filed the 2023 Plan Update with DEEP on November 1, 2022.⁶ Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(d), DEEP will hold an uncontested proceeding to approve, modify or reject the 2023 Plan Update. This uncontested proceeding will include opportunities for public input, including written comments and public meetings. DEEP will consider all comments, written and verbal, submitted during the joint EEB/DEEP Public Input Sessions held in July and September 2022.⁷

As with past C&LM Plans and annual updates, DEEP may issue a draft of its Determination on the 2023 Plan Update and convene public meetings and written comment opportunities to collect feedback on that draft.

On November 2, 2022, DEEP issued a Notice of Request for Written Comments with a deadline to submit comments by November 15, 2022.⁸ Stakeholders requested that this deadline be extended to allow more time for review of the 2023 Plan Update. Based on that feedback, **DEEP will extend the deadline for written comments to November 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** The Request for Written Comments from the November 2 Notice is included in Section II below, with an updated deadline.

II. REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

DEEP is requesting written comments from stakeholders to inform its review of the 2023 Plan Update. Specifically, DEEP is interested in comments that address:

1. The extent to which the 2023 Plan Update advances the three key priorities of equity, affordability, and decarbonization.
2. Opportunities to align the 2023 Plan Update with other programs and funding sources, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act.
3. Opportunities to improve C&LM program reporting, metrics, and goals.

Stakeholders are also encouraged to comment on other topics not listed above. As stated above, all public comments submitted as part of the joint EEB/DEEP Public Input Sessions held in July and September 2022 will be incorporated into the materials that DEEP will consider in its review of the 2023 Plan Update. Therefore, we encourage interested stakeholders to either provide new comments or summarize those already provided in past Public Input Sessions.

⁴ See EEB Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2022, *available at* <https://app.box.com/s/kjrekjyp8ghzq1wd7to61bg69o2bi3hf/file/1034399657111>.

⁵ See Transcript of the October 12, 2022 EEB Meeting, *available at* <https://app.box.com/s/kjrekjyp8ghzq1wd7to61bg69o2bi3hf/file/1032272765558>.

⁶ See 2023 Update to the 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan and Program Savings Document, November 1, 2022, *available at* <https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/7059babc24eec078852588ee00496229?OpenDocument>

⁷ Public comments submitted during the July and September 2022 Public Input Sessions can be found on DEEP's Energy Filings page: [https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=9.1&Seq=4](https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=9.1&Seq=4)

⁸ See DEEP Notice of Request for Written Comments, November 2, 2022, *available at* <https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/3f01654c04159031852588ee004ece75?OpenDocument>

Please submit comments to DEEP at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov by November 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Any questions regarding the public comment process may be sent by email to Rebecca Dube at rebecca.dube@ct.gov.

The 2023 Plan Update can be found on DEEP's [Energy Filings page](#). Public comments submitted in response to this Notice will be posted on DEEP's [Energy Filings page](#), alongside comments submitted as part of past Public Input Sessions on the 2023 Plan Update.

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