

February 9, 2021

2020 INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN

NOTICE OF EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Pursuant to Section 16a-3a(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 3, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) initiated this proceeding to develop an Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) to analyze pathways and recommend strategies for achieving a 100% zero carbon target for the electric sector by 2040, and to assess (1) the energy and capacity requirements of customers for the next three, five and ten years; (2) the manner of how best to eliminate growth in electric demand; (3) how best to level electric demand in the state by reducing peak demand and shifting demand to off-peak periods; (4) the impact of current and projected environmental standards including, but not limited to, those related to greenhouse gas emissions and the federal Clean Air Act goals and how different resources could help achieve those standards and goals; (5) energy security and economic risks associated with potential energy resources; and (6) the estimated lifetime cost and availability of potential energy resources. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16a-3a(i), DEEP also consulted with representatives of the heating oil industry and biodiesel producers and considered the creation of a portfolio standard for thermal energy that could include biodiesel that is blended into home heating oil.

Written Comments: On December 16th, 2020, DEEP issued a notice providing a 60-day period during which comments on the Draft IRP will be accepted. The original submission deadline was February 15, 2021, by 4:00 p.m. **DEEP is hereby providing a two-day extension of this deadline to February 17, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.** Please direct all public comments to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov as DEEP's electronic filing system is currently in the process of changing to a new system. Once the transfer to the new system is complete, DEEP will issue a supplemental notice indicating how written comments may be filed electronically with DEEP. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov.

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