



DEEP APPROVES 2017 C&LM PLAN UPDATE WITH CONDITIONS

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Connecticut's utility companies act as program administrators of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF), and file a three-year plan with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) every few years, with an annual Plan Update taking place at the end of each calendar year. The 2017 Plan Update of the 2016-2018 C&LM Plan recently took place. A collaborative and thorough examination of programs, planning and budgets help to ensure ratepayer dollars are being spent in such a way that will have a meaningful impact on many Connecticut customers.

DEEP released its Approval with Conditions of the 2017 Update of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund's Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) Plan for 2016 through 2018.

In it, DEEP approved the update, contingent on the utilities' completion of five conditions:

1. Increase focus on reducing peak demand.
2. Increase effectiveness of the existing time-of-use (TOU) rate in United Illuminating (UI) territory.
3. Increase data sharing among low income programs.
4. Further review of benefit-cost testing.
5. Revise wording describing US Department of Energy (DOE) grant for Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) pilot.

Eversource Energy and UI will work to complete the orders laid out within these conditions by the deadlines given by DEEP, which begin on March 1st.

The Companies and the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB) submitted the 2017 C&LM Update to DEEP in November. The EEB supported the Plan Update with the following three qualifications of the approval. First, the Board did not take a position on time-varying rates. Second, the EEB emphasized its comments regarding specifics of scope and timing of the residential and C&I demand pilots. Finally, the Board retained its chance to provide input to the final 2017 budget, which is scheduled to be filed with DEEP on March 1st.

The Office of Consumer Counsel in its role as Chair of the EEB will closely monitor the Companies' responses to DEEP's conditions and continue its work on the implementation of the 2016-2018 C&LM Plan.



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