



## **CL&P To File for Distribution Rate Increase of \$117 Million (\$231.5 Million including storm expense and storm resiliency)**

On May 9, 2014, The Connecticut Light & Power Company (CL&P) filed its Notice of Intent to file for a rate increase with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) on or about June 9, 2014. As with all rate cases, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) will represent ratepayer interests as an active participant in the docket PURA will open.

CL&P will request a 3.22 percent overall bill increase to make up for a projected \$116.7 million operating deficiency in its distribution rates. CL&P's last request for a distribution rate increase was in 2010. After that, as part of CL&P's merger with NSTAR in April 2012, CL&P agreed to freeze its distribution rates until November 30, 2014. CL&P's filing states that its distribution operating deficiency primarily exists due to the substantial amount of capital investment it has devoted to its distribution system to increase reliability and resilience.

CL&P bills effective December 1, 2014 are already set to increase by \$89.5 million associated with the first year of a six-year recovery of \$365 million in CL&P storm costs already approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Additionally, CL&P's distribution rates will increase by 0.28 % or \$25.3 million associated with the recovery of the Company's previously approved system resiliency expenditures. A portion of these costs were temporarily being collected as non-bypassable federally mandated congestion charges.

CL&P estimates that all these items combined, if approved as requested, will increase electric bills by 5.97% and result in an average residential customer's bill rising \$6.76 per month. The Company is requesting an increase in rates effective on December 1, 2014.

OCC will continue to update its website with news regarding the CL&P rate case, including how ratepayers can provide oral or written public comment. Interested ratepayers may also [sign up](#) to receive important email alerts from OCC.