



OCC ADVOCATES MAJOR CUT TO CL&P'S PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CHARGE

In its rate case application currently pending before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), the Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) is proposing a 59% increase to the residential customer charge. A fixed monthly charge that does not vary with usage, the customer charge is currently \$16; CL&P proposes to increase it to \$25.50.

In testimony filed with PURA on August 4, 2014, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) advocates for a customer charge of \$11.50, which would be a 31% decrease from the current charge, and a 55% decrease from CL&P's proposed charge. OCC proposes the \$11.50 charge based on its analysis of the cost of service study filed by CL&P. For more detail on OCC's analysis, click on the following link to see, OCC's pre-filed testimony in Docket No. 14-05-06. <http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DOCKCURR.NSF/60903cc7b9de44728525746b006e8ffb/8db5d3306299068485257d2b0042039b?OpenDocument&scrollTop=6555>

In addition to the customer charge increase, CL&P also proposes to increase the variable distribution charge, based on kilowatt hour (kWh) usage, by nearly 16%. The current residential distribution charge per kWh is \$.02757; CL&P proposes an increase to \$.03183. A customer using 700 kWh would see a \$12.48 monthly increase under CL&P's proposals for customer and distribution kWh charges.