



OCC Files Testimony in PURA Single Pole Administrator Docket

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed [testimony](#) in Docket No. 11-03-07, *DPUC Investigation Into The Appointment Of A Third Party Statewide Utility Telephone Pole Administrator For The State Of Connecticut*, in preparation for a hearing in this Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) docket on December 2, 2013. The OCC joins other stakeholders in the management of the public rights of way (utility poles) including the state's two electric companies, the two telephone and six cable companies, and the 169 municipalities and their regional organizations in supporting most elements of the Single Pole Administrator concept.

The OCC supports the proposal offered to PURA by both electric companies for them to manage access to and use of the poles and conduit across the state. In the event an attacher fails to comply with the deadlines imposed on all attachers by PURA in earlier dockets, the Single Pole Administrator would have the authority to hire expert technicians to perform the work on the poles. There will also be a centralized database with the attachment information relating to all the poles across the state, and as changes are required on each pole, this database will provide notice to all attachers of the progress of work performed and when each of them must perform their own work. All costs incurred in implementing this management system will be covered as a cost of business by the companies causing those costs.