



PURA must order the appointment of the Single Pole Administrator in order to most effectively streamline access and maintenance of the public utility infrastructure located and operated in the public rights of way.

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) has recently filed a Brief and Reply Brief advocating in favor of the concept of a “single pole administrator” (SPA) in this innovative and dynamic PURA Docket (Docket No. 11-03-07). The OCC supported the Electric Distribution Company (EDC) Proposals and the SPA Working Group’s Recommendations, and urged PURA to issue a prompt order in this Docket requiring swift implementation of those SPA plans across the state. The Docket is on track to be finalized April 6, 2014.

Connecticut joins the other states in adapting to a rapidly changing network of utilities operating in the Public Rights of Way (PROW) and PURA must act now to create an enduring Network Compact within the state’s PROW that defines the relationship between the PROW and the networks that rely on its integrity, responsiveness, and adaptability. The elements of the PROW that PURA has the statutory responsibility to ensure include universal accessibility, reliable interconnection, consumer protection, and public safety.

If the PROW is properly managed, all users of the PROW will profit from the improved attachment processes and will be able to therefore provide better service to the state’s communities through economic sequencing of attachments and restoration projects, through integrated and transparent data sharing, standardized documents and scheduling, equitable rates, better project oversight, not to mention reducing the amount of capital needed to complete and sustain an infrastructure project as complex as the state’s PROW.

PURA has diligently administered a Docket providing all parties with due process and many opportunities to voice their concerns and support for the SPA role. The Docket has been characterized by transparent, inclusive processes, and actions driven by the facts and the solid data. The time has come for PURA to act and order the implementation of the SPA based on the extensive record compiled since the PROW’s continued integrity requires this action, and the public interest demands this action.



OCC Brief:

<http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DOCKCURR.NSF/f7de85eded62752a8525655d005653b8/f4f862c364faec5085257c5f0062360a?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,11-03-07,OCC>

OCC Reply Brief:

<http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DOCKCURR.NSF/f7de85eded62752a8525655d005653b8/07734794316deaaf85257c710073b194?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,11-03-07,OCC>