



UI To File for Three Year Rate Plan with Distribution Rate Increases of \$114 Million (or \$141 Million if Levelized over Three Years)

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On June 1, 2016, The United Illuminating Company (UI) filed its Notice of Intent to file for a rate increase with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) on or about July 1, 2016. As with all rate cases, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) will represent ratepayer interests as an active participant in this PURA proceeding. PURA has designated this rate case Docket No. 16-06-04.

UI will request \$114 million in distribution rate increases over a three-year period, with annual rate increases of \$72 million in rate year 2017, an incremental \$24 million in 2018 and an additional \$18 million in 2019. UI's Application will also contain a rate plan that levelizes recovery of the revenue requirement through rate increases of \$46 million in rate year 2017, an incremental \$52 million in 2018 and \$43 million in 2019. UI's last distribution rate case was litigated in 2013. After that, as part of UI's merger with Iberdrola USA in 2015, UI agreed to freeze its distribution rates until January 1, 2017.

UI's notice states that its distribution operating deficiency primarily exists due to continuing capital investments to maintain reliability performance and improve resiliency of its electric distribution. UI claims to have made investments totaling approximately \$50 million that are already providing service to customers but are not yet included in current distribution rates and expects to invest an additional \$400 million in capital programs through the 2017, 2018 and 2019 rate years to construct and improve the electric distribution system.

UI estimates its three-year levelized rate plan will increase bills by 4.4% in 2017, 4.8% in 2018 and 3.8% in 2019, if approved as requested.

OCC will continue to update its website with news regarding the UI 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. Those customers wishing to comment on this proceeding may contact PURA in writing at: Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, or via e-mail at pura.information@ct.gov, referencing Docket No. 16-06-04.



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