

## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONNECTICUT

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Mr. Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq. Executive Secretary Public Utilities Regulatory Authority 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 20-03-15, *Emergency Petition of William Tong, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut for a Proceeding to Establish a State of Emergency Utility Shut-off Moratorium* 

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

William Tong, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, respectfully submits this letter in support of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("DEEP") opposition to the resumption of utility service disconnections filed February 23, 2021.

The Attorney General agrees with DEEP that the resumption of utility service disconnections would have a devastating impact on many customers who are struggling to pay their bills during the worst public health crisis in a century. The Attorney General believes a delay in resuming service disconnections is particularly appropriate pending the expected increase in federal funding to assist these struggling families with their utility bills.

The Attorney General thanks the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA" or "Authority") for its continuing attention to this critical consumer protection proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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