

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(d)

2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan

June 23, 2023

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

I. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(d), the 2023 Update to the 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan (2023 Plan Update) was submitted to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for approval on November 1, 2022 by Eversource Energy (Eversource), The United Illuminating Company (UI), Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG) and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG) (collectively the Utilities), in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB).¹ DEEP is required, in an uncontested proceeding, to approve, modify or reject the three-year C&LM Plan and the detailed budget submitted with the Plan, including any annual updates submitted by the Utilities.²

On December 27, 2022, DEEP issued an Interim Decision approving the total budget as proposed in the 2023 Plan Update that was filed with DEEP on November 1, 2022.³ The budget was approved subject to DEEP's further review of the 2023 Plan Update text and the resulting Determination and Conditions of Approval.

II. DRAFT DETERMINATION AND REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

On June 23, 2023, DEEP released a Determination and Conditions of Approval for the 2023 Plan Update. The Determination was informed by DEEP and EEB public processes held throughout 2022, and includes narrative findings on several components of the 2023 Plan Update. The Schedule of Conditions of Approval is also attached to the Determination as Attachment A.

DEEP specifically seeks comment regarding the following question not addressed in the Determination, but which DEEP plans to address in a supplement to the 2023 Plan Update Determination, which will be released at a later date.

1. Should Eversource's Residential Battery Storage offering⁴ and the statewide Energy Storage Solutions program (ESS)⁵ overseen by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

¹ See proposed 2023 Update to the 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan, November 1, 2022, available at

<https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/7059babc24eec078852588ee00496229?OpenDocument>.

² See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(d).

³ See Approval and Determination of 2023 Plan Update to the 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan Budget, December 27, 2022, available at

[https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/d7ac01aa07a603b485258925006a98c5/\\$FILE/2023%20C&LM%20Update_Budget_Interim%20Determination.pdf](https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/c6c6d525f7cdd1168525797d0047c5bf/d7ac01aa07a603b485258925006a98c5/$FILE/2023%20C&LM%20Update_Budget_Interim%20Determination.pdf).

⁴ See Eversource Residential Battery Storage Program, www.eversource.com/content/nh/residential/save-money-energy/energy-efficiency-programs/demand-response/battery-storage-demand-response.

⁵ See Energy Storage Solutions Program, energystoragect.com.

both remain available as offerings to customers? If so, should modifications be made to the Residential Battery Storage program, and what is the nature of any suggested modifications? In your response, please discuss any value associated with continuing the Residential Battery Storage Program, as currently constructed or in a modified form, given the existence of the ESS. Also please discuss any ways in which continuation of the Residential Battery Storage Program impacts the effectiveness of the EES, or any other consequences stemming from the simultaneous operation of both programs. If Eversource's Residential Battery Storage offering is discontinued, how can it be discontinued in a manner that respects the reasonable expectations of customers and contractors in the program and when should it be discontinued?

Please submit comments to DEEP at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov by August 4th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Any questions regarding the public comment process may be sent by email to Benjamin McMillan at Benjamin.McMillan@ct.gov.