



**Notice of Meeting and Request for Written Comments  
Residential and Commercial & Industrial Combined  
Contractor Technical Advisory Committee  
October 7, 2024**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-245m, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is required to review a combined electric and gas Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) Plan. Under §16-245m, the C&LM Plan implements “cost-effective energy conservation programs, demand management and market transformation initiatives.” Eversource Energy, The United Illuminating Company, the Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, and the Southern Connecticut Gas Company (collectively the “Utilities”) develop the C&LM Plan on three-year cycles with guidance from DEEP and the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB) and submit annual updates.

To assist with program implementation, DEEP regularly holds Contractor Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) meetings with contractors from the Residential and Commercial & Industrial (C&I) sectors. These meetings provide a bi-monthly forum for contractors, the Utilities, and DEEP to discuss matters related to C&LM program implementation, and to submit public comments to aid DEEP in its ongoing decision-making process. Other stakeholders are welcome to participate as well. The recommendations of this working group and written comments submitted by stakeholders will be informative to DEEP in its continued oversight of the C&LM Plan and programs.

DEEP will hold a CTAC meeting on **Monday, October 28, 2024, at 1:00 PM**. This is a hybrid meeting; attendees may participate via Zoom or in-person. ***In-person attendance is strongly encouraged (DEEP is now able to validate parking).*** This meeting is open to all and is expected to focus on the topics outlined in the proposed agenda below.

**Proposed Oct. 28, 2024, Agenda** (to be updated and publicly posted by October 23, 2024)

1. Facilitated Discussion on Topics Submitted to DEEP (see details below on how Contractors and Utilities can submit additional topics for this agenda) (170 min)
  - a. Connecticut Contractors Coalition Presentation – comments submitted to the Energy Efficiency Board on the Three-Year Plan Draft #3 (10 min)
  - b. Discussion (15 min)
  - c. Discussion with Contractors & Utilities – questions on Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) rebate and Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) heat pump federal funding (15 min)
  - d. Utilities Presentation – Communication process between contractors and the utilities & program modification processes (15 min)
  - e. Discussion (20 min)

- f. Utilities Presentation – HES & HES-IE project completion challenges with proposed solutions (30 min) – Discussion/Feedback from Contractors to be solicited after each topic that follows:
    - i. 3-hole drilling
    - ii. Blower door test prevented by lack of attic/knee wall access
    - iii. R4 wall assembly rule
    - iv. 2-4 unit buildings – program participation rules if not all units permit access for contractors
    - v. QA/QC photo requirements
  - g. Utilities Presentation – Reaction to contractor recommendations to: (10 min)
    - i. Add more comprehensive benefits information to project proposals
    - ii. Encourage weatherization prior to heat pump installations
  - h. Discussion/Feedback from Contractors (15 min)
  - i. Utilities Presentation – HES & HES-IE QA/QC standards, protocols, common errors & remediation action plans (20 min)
  - j. Discussion (20 min)
2. Public Comment (10 min)

**Program Contractors and Utility Partners:**

**If there are specific agenda items which contractors or utility staff wish to raise and discuss during the CTAC meeting, please provide them to DEEP by no later than 4:00 PM ET on October 21, 2024. Those requesting that specific items be added to the CTAC agenda should be prepared to discuss these items during the meeting. Please email [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov) with your request. DEEP will make every effort to accommodate agenda item requests but reserves the right to limit the agenda based on time constraints or subject matter. DEEP may also provide time for open discussion during the meeting, time permitting.**

**Virtual attendees:** Register for the **October 28, 2024**, meeting [here](#).

**In-person attendees:** The meeting will be held at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, in Hearing Room 1. A check-in with the security front desk is required, please have a valid driver's license or state-issued photo identification card available.

Stakeholders are welcome to submit written comments into the public record for this meeting. Please submit written comments to [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov) as a Word or PDF file by no later than **4:00 PM ET on November 1, 2024**.

Residential and Commercial & Industrial CTAC meetings are generally scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of every other month, with written comments due the following Wednesday. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the topics proposed for this meeting, DEEP will host two CTAC meetings in October 2024.

For a complete schedule of 2024 CTAC meetings, please visit DEEP's [CTAC webpage](#). DEEP will e-mail the final agenda for each meeting to the email distribution list as well as post the agenda on the CTAC [webpage](#). To register for the distribution list please email [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov) and request to be added to the C&LM mailing list. The 2022-2024 Conservation and Load Management Plan and related information is available at [DEEP's C&LM webpage](#).

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