

Meeting Notice and Request for Written Comments

Commercial & Industrial Contractor Technical Advisory Committee

October 3, 2023

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.

Going forward, DEEP will continue to use the CTAC process to engage vendors and contractors in discussion surrounding implementation of the C&LM plan. All meetings will be followed by an opportunity 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 the next CTAC meeting on **Tuesday, October 3 at 1:00 PM**. This is a hybrid meeting- attendees may participate via Zoom or in-person. This meeting will focus on the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) sector. The meeting will consist of updates from DEEP, utility program and budget updates, and a Q&A with the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB) Technical Consultants. While this meeting will be primarily focused on C&I, DEEP will be providing an update on the Residential Energy Preparation Services program at the beginning of the agenda. Written comments from stakeholders on these issues will be due on **Friday, October 13, 2023**. Please submit comments to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov as a Word or PDF file.

During the Q&A portion of the meeting, the Technical Consultants will be seeking feedback from contractors on the following questions:

Increasing the number of weatherization projects in C&I

- *Do contractors have the expertise, experience, sales skills and equipment to do weatherization and air sealing?*
- *Are there opportunities to partner with residential contractors to do this work?*

Heat pumps for domestic hot water heating

- *Are the contractors promoting this technology?*
- *Are contractors aware of 110-volt models that are coming available?*
- *Are contractors aware of guidelines for a best practice installation for a light usage application (less than 80 gal/day usage), enough ambient space around the heater, etc.?*
- *What barriers are preventing more installations?*

Heat pumps for space heating

- *Are the contractors promoting this technology?*
- *What types are catching on (ducted, ductless, ground source, VRF)?*
- *What fuels are being displaced (fully or partially)?*
- *What barriers are preventing more installations?*

Financing for weatherization, heat pumps and other green measures (EV Chargers, solar PV, batteries, thermal storage)

- *Are current financing offerings from the Companies enough?*
- *Are longer terms required for larger, more comprehensive projects?*
- *Are contractors using CPACE for projects over \$30,000?*

Virtual attendees: Register for the October 2023 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 available.

Residential and Commercial & Industrial CTAC meetings are generally scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of every other month, with written comments due the following Monday. For a complete schedule of 2023 CTAC meetings, please visit DEEP's [Conservation and Load Management webpage](#) and [CTAC webpage](#). DEEP will e-mail the agenda for each meeting and the topics for comment to the email distribution list. To register for the distribution list please email 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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