DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 59: DEEP AND PURA JOINT PROCEEDING

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 17-07-32 - DEEP AND PURA JOINT PROCEEDING TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 59

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) opened the above-referenced uncontested proceedings for administrative purposes to provide an open, public and transparent forum for DEEP and PURA to jointly conduct a study and produce a report in accordance with the attached Executive Order Number 59 issued by Governor Malloy on July 25, 2017. Through these joint proceedings, DEEP and PURA will solicit and receive information and comments from members of the public and interested stakeholders. In these joint proceedings, neither DEEP nor PURA will make any findings of fact or render any decisions that are legally binding or have a res judicata effect in any future DEEP or PURA proceedings.

These joint proceedings provide a platform where the study schedule, documents, and related public comments can be viewed on the DEEP and PURA websites. DEEP and PURA intend to publish a schedule for completion of the study. The schedule will detail key milestones in the development of the study, including issuance of a proposed study process and scope, and opportunities for public comment thereon. DEEP and PURA welcome the filing of comments relating to the content or process of these joint proceedings at any time.

The Executive Order directs the production of a study by February 1, 2018. In order to promote administrative efficiency and encourage public participation, pursuant to Section 16-1-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, PURA is hereby waiving its usual rules of practice for uncontested proceedings insofar as interested stakeholders will not be required to file motions for participant status, nor will PURA require that documents filed in these proceedings be served upon other stakeholders. Interested stakeholders may request to be placed on a mailing list for these proceedings to receive notices or correspondence issued by DEEP and PURA by sending your contact information to Debra Morrell at <u>DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov</u>.

Any filings made in these proceedings <u>shall be submitted to both DEEP and PURA</u> <u>through their respective website filing systems</u>, the process for which is explained below. All documents submitted in these proceedings should contain the above caption referencing both proceedings and should be filed in both proceedings. When filing documents with DEEP, documents may be filed electronically on <u>DEEP's website</u> or submitted to <u>DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov</u>. Persons filing electronically for the first time will be required to register prior to submission. Please create your account at least 24 hours in advance to ensure timely filing. If you have a problem with the electronic web filing system, you can contact the DEEP IT help desk at 860-424-4169 or at <u>DEEP.Helpdesk@ct.gov</u>. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions can be directed to Debra Morrell at (860) 827-2688 and/or via e-mail at <u>DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov</u>.

PURA encourages electronic submission of all filings through the Web Filing Account Management System at http://www.ct.gov/pura/. Persons filing electronically must create an account through the Authority's website under Docket Services (Make a Web Filing). Once registered, you may proceed to the Docket Database Web Filing System to log on and submit your filing. The date and time of filing shall be the date and time the Authority first receives a complete electronic version or the paper version and the required number of paper copies. If a complete electronic version of the filing is submitted through the Authority's Web Filing System, only one paper version of the filing is generally required. For exceptionally voluminous or complex filings, the Authority reserves the right to request additional paper copies. If a complete electronic version of the filing is not web filed, submit an original and one copy.

Additional information is available at DEEP's website: <u>www.ct.gov/deep/energyfilings</u> and PURA's website: <u>http://www.ct.gov/pura</u>. The DEEP case coordinator assigned to this proceeding is Debra Morrell, who can be reached at (860) 827-2688 or via e-mail at <u>DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov</u>. The PURA case coordinator assigned to this proceeding is Laura Lupoli, who can be reached at (860) 827-2631 or via e-mail at Laura.Lupoli@ct.gov.

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