

December 16, 2020

2020 INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN

NOTICE OF RELEASE OF DRAFT IRP
AND
NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Pursuant to Section 16a-3a(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 3, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) initiated this proceeding to develop an Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) to analyze pathways and recommend strategies for achieving a 100% zero carbon target for the electric sector by 2040, and to assess (1) the energy and capacity requirements of customers for the next three, five and ten years; (2) the manner of how best to eliminate growth in electric demand; (3) how best to level electric demand in the state by reducing peak demand and shifting demand to off-peak periods; (4) the impact of current and projected environmental standards including, but not limited to, those related to greenhouse gas emissions and the federal Clean Air Act goals and how different resources could help achieve those standards and goals; (5) energy security and economic risks associated with potential energy resources; and (6) the estimated lifetime cost and availability of potential energy resources. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16a-3a(i), DEEP also consulted with representatives of the heating oil industry and biodiesel producers and considered the creation of a portfolio standard for thermal energy that could include biodiesel that is blended into home heating oil.

Through this notice, DEEP announces the release of the Draft IRP. Pursuant to Section 16a-3a(e) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the Commissioner of DEEP, as part of approving the Draft IRP, is required to conduct an uncontested proceeding that must include at least one public hearing and at least one technical meeting where DEEP's technical staff is available to answer questions related to the IRP. DEEP hereby provides notice of a public hearing, one of which will be held in evening hours to increase accessibility, two technical meetings, and the opportunity for written comments to provide the opportunity for public input on the Draft IRP.

Availability of the Draft IRP: The Draft IRP is available for review on DEEP's website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Energy/Integrated-Resource-Planning/Integrated-Resource-Planning>. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, review of the Draft IRP during normal business hours at DEEP's New Britain Office is not possible. Any person unable to review the Draft IRP via DEEP's website should e-mail DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov for alternative viewing arrangements.

Public Hearing: By way of this Notice, DEEP will conduct a public hearing with a day and evening session to provide the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft IRP. The public hearing sessions will be held virtually on January 14, 2021, with the day session occurring from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and the evening session starting at 6:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The public hearing will be recorded and a copy of the recording will be posted on the DEEP website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Energy/Integrated-Resource-Planning/Integrated-Resource-Planning>. If you wish to present oral comments at the public hearing, please email DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov at least two days prior to the respective scheduled date. Members of the public may register to attend the public hearing below.

Public Hearing Session 1 Registration Link:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VfSITZOXSyaILKWZ0GZlog

Public Hearing Session 2 Registration Link:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1yjxnADSTQm1aRBK6nOisg

Technical Meetings: By way of this Notice, DEEP will conduct two technical meetings to consider this matter fully, one focused on policy questions and one focused on the IRP's modeling. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DEEP will conduct both technical meetings in a virtual format via Zoom. Both technical meetings require advanced registration (link available below).

The first technical meeting will be held on January 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and will be attended by DEEP's technical staff. This technical meeting will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to present oral comments and pose questions to DEEP's staff involved in the preparation of the IRP on all issues relating to the IRP except for the underlying modeling.

A second technical meeting focused exclusively on modeling will be held on January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and will be attended by both DEEP's technical staff and DEEP's consultant, Levitan and Associates, Inc. The purpose of this technical meeting is to allow stakeholders an opportunity to present oral comments and to pose questions to DEEP staff and its consultants regarding the modeling undertaken as part of the Draft IRP.

If you wish to pose oral questions to DEEP's staff or its consultants at one of the technical meetings please email DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov at least two days prior to the respective scheduled date. Given the complexity and volume of information in the Draft IRP, DEEP encourages stakeholders to submit all of their questions in writing five business days prior to the first technical meeting and five business days prior to the second technical meeting. Providing the questions in advance will aide DEEP and Levitan & Associates, Inc. in providing thorough and complete responses in the time available at the technical meetings. DEEP and/or Levitan & Associates, Inc. may be unable to answer questions at the technical meetings that are not submitted ahead of time in writing pursuant to the deadline established above. Stakeholders may register to attend either or both technical meetings below.

Technical Meeting 1- Policy Registration Link:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5ybo74VaRty0tO6qEViaTQ

Technical Meeting 2- Modeling Registration Link:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XKpcfq19RqeNd2nb-UY5Uw

The technical meetings will be transcribed and electronically recorded. DEEP will post the electronic recording of the technical meetings on the DEEP website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Energy/Integrated-Resource-Planning/Integrated-Resource-Planning>. To acquire a copy of the transcript of the technical meeting, please contact BCT Reporting LLC at (860) 302-1876 or through their website at: www.bctreporting.com.

Written Comments: By way of this Notice, DEEP is providing a 60-day period during which comments on the Draft IRP will be accepted. At this time, written comments may be submitted directly to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov on or before February 15, 2021, by 4:00 p.m. DEEP's electronic filing system is currently in the process of changing to a new system. Once the transfer to the new system is complete, DEEP will issue a supplemental notice indicating how written comments may be filed electronically with DEEP. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov.

Schedule: DEEP will conduct the remainder of this proceeding according to the following schedule:

Notice of Release of Draft IRP, and Technical Meetings and Public Hearing, and Opportunity for Written Comments Issued	December 16, 2020
Public Hearing	January 14, 2021, Session 1: beginning at 10:00 a.m. Session 2: beginning at 6:00 p.m. (See Zoom Registration Links on page 2)
Technical Meetings	January 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. (See Zoom Registration Links on page 3)
Comments on Draft IRP Due	February 15, 2021
Issue Final IRP	March 12, 2021

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Notice posted with the Secretary of State’s Public Meeting Notice Calendar on December 16, 2020.