SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PROGRAM – YEAR 8
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SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PROGRAM (SCEF)

- Competitive clean energy procurement run annually by the electric distribution companies (EDCs), Eversource and United Illuminating (UI), and overseen by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)
  - Currently planning for Year 8 procurement in 2027
  - Final year of SCEF program; successor program to be developed by PURA

- Over 200 MW of solar and fuel cells selected in Years 1-6; Year 7 results are pending
  - 32 MW terminated projects

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- Eversource and UI are responsible for:
  - Competitive annual solicitation of clean energy projects
  - Subscription management, including identification and enrollment of subscribers
- DEEP makes recommendations to PURA annually on September 1st regarding:
  - Procurement price cap (maximum price of projects that could be selected)
  - Bid preferences
  - Revisions to Program Manual
  - Revisions to Appendix B (part of the bidder's application)
- DEEP evaluates bid preference eligibility and some siting considerations in the competitive annual procurements run by Eversource and UI

SCEF SUBSCRIBERS

- Electric customers can subscribe to the program and receive a fixed monthly $0.025/kwh credit on their energy bill
  - Required subscriber breakdown: 50% low-income customers, 20% small business customers, 20% low- and moderate-income customers (including landlords of affordable housing and low-income service organizations), and 10% any eligible customer (includes renters and those that cannot install solar)
- Total of 13,432 customers subscribed to 63.775 MW from 21 SCEF projects in operation
  - 8,557 Eversource customers subscribed to 16 projects totaling 53.6 MW as of 5/1/26
  - 4,875 UI customers subscribed to 5 projects totaling 10.175 MW as of 6/2/26
  - The number of subscribers can change at any time as customers move out of EDC territory and if new customers are subscribed as needed to fulfill capacity requirement
- Subscriptions for projects located on brownfields or landfills, or in Distressed Municipalities (starting in 2024), must first go to eligible customers in the host municipality (indicated on the following two slides with an asterisk)

SCEF PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN OPERATION (EVERSOURCE)

SCEF ID	Municipality	Technology	Size (MW)	Number of Subscribers
SCEF1-7119	East Windsor	Solar	1.0	166
SCEF1-7122	Enfield	Solar	4.0	646
SCEF2-7856	Norfolk*	Solar (landfill)	4.0	355
SCEF2-7954	East Windsor	Solar	3.0	537
SCEF3-8532	Enfield*	Solar (brownfield)	4.0	478
SCEF3-8547	Colchester*	Solar (brownfield)	4.0	743
SCEF3-8549	Ellington	Solar	4.0	901
SCEF4-8717	Woodstock	Solar	3.0	494
SCEF4-8722	Windsor	Solar	3.0	534
SCEF4-8726	Stafford	Solar	4.0	533
SCEF4-8727	Glastonbury	Solar	3.0	402
SCEF4-8728	Franklin	Solar	5.0	789
SCEF4-8730	Durham	Solar	2.7	393
SCEF4-8733	Stonington	Solar	5.0	842
SCEF4-8736	Madison	Solar	2.0	417
SCEF5-8746	Somers	Solar	2.0	327

SCEF PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN OPERATION (UI)

SCEF ID	Municipality	Technology	Size (MW)	Number of Subscribers
SCEF120071017241699	Derby*	Fuel cell (Distressed Municipality)	2.8	1,153
SCEF120071018522213	Milford	Solar	1.5	289
SCEF121061117242126	West Haven*	Solar (landfill; Distressed Municipality)	0.875	128
SCEF121061117324549	West Haven*	Solar (landfill; Distressed Municipality)	1.0	113
SCEF122030320082272	Bridgeport*	Fuel Cell (brownfield; Distressed Municipality)	4.0	3,192

BID PREFERENCES

- Bid preferences are used to incentivize project types/characteristics that help achieve state policy goals, even if they make the project more expensive.
- In crafting bid preferences, DEEP must consider the bid preference percentage amount and establish clear eligibility requirements.
- The bid preference does not act as an adder to provide more money to the developer; it reduces the bid price for evaluation purposes to make it more competitive.
  - If a project bids in at $100/MWh and gets a 20% bid preference it is evaluated as if it costs $80/MWh. If selected, it still received $100/MWh.
- Past bid preferences:
  - 20% bid preference for projects on landfills and Brownfields (Years 1-7, 2020-2026)
  - 30% bid preference for solar canopy projects (Years 3-5, 2022-2024)
  - 40% bid preference for solar canopy projects, allowed to bid above the price cap (Years 6-7, 2025-2026)

BID PREFERENCES

Recommendation for SCEF Year 8:

- 20% bid preference for projects on landfills and Brownfields
- 40% bid preference for solar canopy projects

Considering:

- Bid preference for projects that provide additional distribution system benefits
  - Need quantifiable standards to be able to assess projects for this potential bid preference

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BENEFITS BID PREFERENCE CONSIDERATIONS

"Distribution System Benefits" could include:

- Projects sited where there is higher hosting capacity according to the EDCs hosting capacity maps
- Projects that include energy storage technology (energy storage is not eligible for compensation in the SCEF program)
  - Looking for feedback on quantifiable standards for evaluation

DEEP is exploring this bid preference for SCEF Year 8 or for the SCEF successor program.

QUESTIONS

- What should the Price Cap be for Year 8 of the SCEF program?
- What bid preference percentage should be given to projects on brownfields and landfills?
- What bid preference percentage should be given to solar canopy projects?
- What bid preference percentage, if any, should be given to projects that provide additional distribution system benefits?
- What other bid preferences should DEEP consider for Year 8?
- If any of the recommendations in this Notice present a barrier to participation in the SCEF program, please explain why and discuss possible modifications to the recommendation.

NEXT STEPS

DEEP

- DEEP is accepting written comments on the Year SCEF Recommendations until July 22, 2026 at 5pm
  - Any further comments can be sent to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov with the subject line "SCEF Comments"
  - All comments will be posted on DEEP's website
- DEEP will file SCEF recommendations with PURA by September 1, 2026, in Docket No. 26-08-04
- DEEP will likely participate in PURA's Request for Written Comments and technical meeting
  - These opportunities will likely include topics related to DEEP's September 1st recommendations

NEXT STEPS

PURA

- Request for participant status and applications for Stakeholder Group Compensation were due June 1, 2026
- Notice of Request for Written Comments will tentatively be issued August 31, 2026, and tentatively due September 14, 2026
- Technical meeting tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2026
- Proposed (draft) Final Decision expected November 12, 2026
  - This is when we find out if PURA is likely to approve the recommendations we made in our September 1st filing
  - Exceptions to the Proposed Final Decision are tentatively due November 23, 2026
- Final Decision expected December 16, 2026

NEXT STEPS

Electric Distribution Companies

- The EDCs may submit comments in DEEP's public process
- The EDCs may submit comments in PURA's process and participate in the technical meeting
- The EDCs will issue the SCEF Year 8 Request for Proposals in January 2027

THE SCEF SUCCESSOR PROGRAM

Section 3 of Public Act 26-127 authorizes a SCEF successor program called the Community Solar Program

- PURA will initiate a proceeding to establish this program by August 1, 2026
  - The Final Decision is required by December 1, 2027

PURA: Successor Community Solar Program

June 10, 2026

Overview of Public Act 26-127: SCEF Successor Program

Sec. 3 of P.A. 26-127, An Act Concerning Renewable Power Generation, authorizes the Community Solar Program as a successor to SCEF following its expiration at the end of 2027.

- PURA will initiate a docket to establish the program structure and rules, including:
  - A procurement plan for the EDCs
  - Tariffs for selected projects
  - A price cap (cents per kilowatt-hour)
  - Tariff terms and conditions
  - Eligibility requirements

- **Docket No. 26-06-04, Implementation of Clean Energy Successor Programs**
  - Initiated June 5, 2026
  - Docket events will begin in summer 2026
- **Final Order**: By December 1, 2027

Public Act 26-127: Changes from Current SCEF Program

- Sec. 3(b)(4): The authority shall limit subscribers to **low-income customers**, and may give priority to any low-income customer who **has an arrearage** with such customer's electric utility.

- Sec. 3(b)(f): Target for annual aggregate procurement shall be set by the Authority.
  - Sec. 4: The total annual target procurement of energy products for RRES, NRES, and SCEF successor programs shall be **(1) 180 MW and (2) $85 millio**n, with the budget target given precedence if the targets cannot be reconciled.

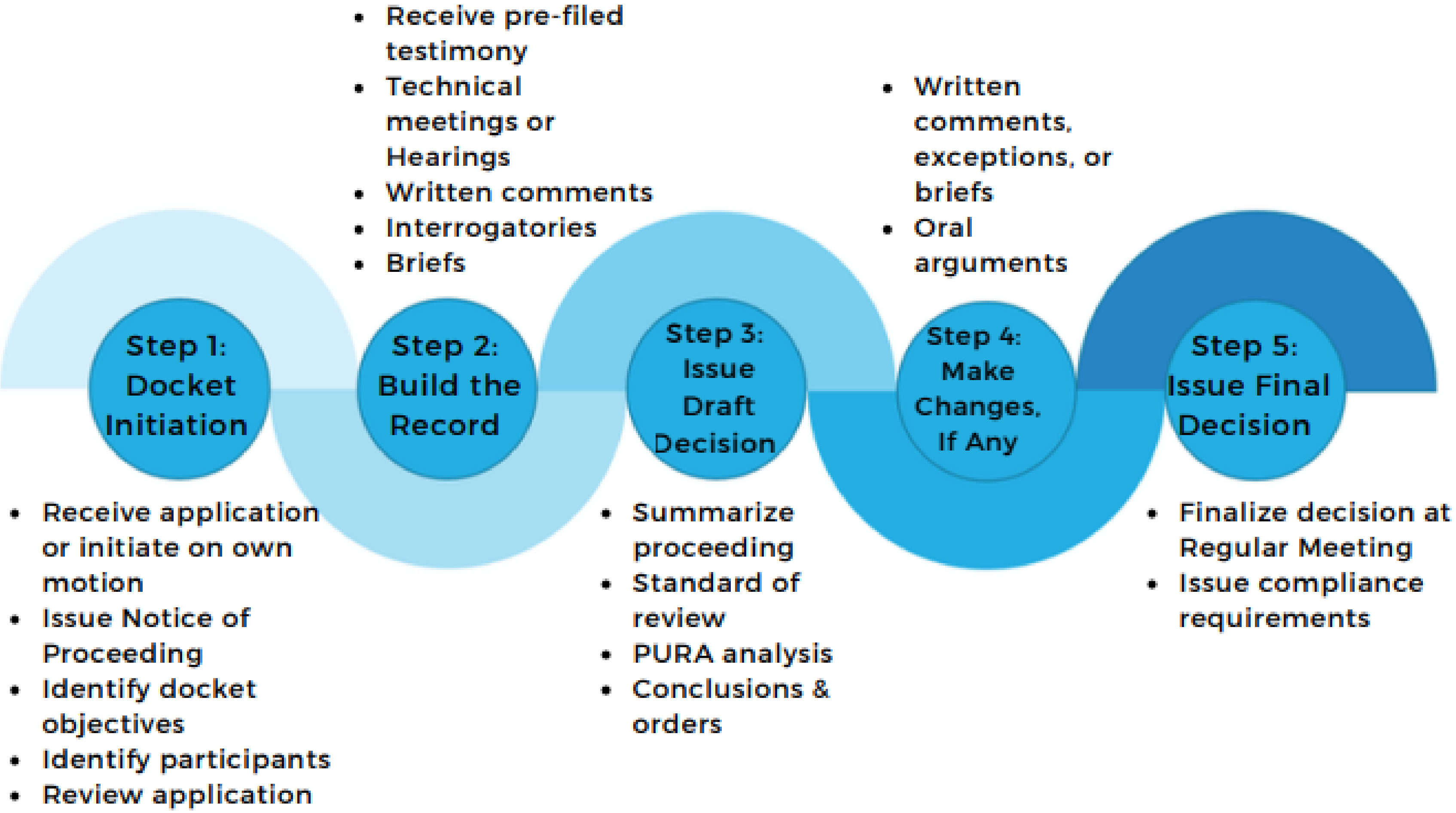
- Sec. 3(b)(g): Successor tariffs will be offered until **December 31, 2035**.

Public Act 26-127: Similarities to Current SCEF Program

- Sec. 3(b)(2): The authority shall determine the subscriber **billing credit** and establish **consumer protections**.
- Sec. 3(b)(3): Project tariffs shall not exceed a **term of twenty years**.
- Sec. 3(c): On and after January 1, 2028, each EDC shall **solicit projects through annual procurements,** subject to a price cap, and file any selected projects with PURA for approval.
- Sec. 3(d): The Authority may incorporate additional incentives for projects that provide electric distribution system or energy policy benefits.

Next Steps

Docket No. 26-06-04, <u>Implementation of Clean Energy Successor Programs</u>, will establish specific program rules and structure
based on Public Act 26-127 and stakeholder input.



Why Engage?

The Case for Stakeholder Participation

Industry voices matter — but so does everyone else

- Technical practitioners and program participants have irreplaceable lived experience: they know where programs break down because they feel it firsthand
- Non-technical voices, community orgs, grassroots advocates, and community members are equally essential.
- “You don't need to understand how ice cream is made to have a flavor preference.” or “If you’re not at the table you are on the menu”.
- Clean energy advocacy can feel intimidating but it shouldn't be. If you have a stake in your energy bill, your community, or your environment, you have standing to weigh in.

- The question isn't "do I know enough?" It's "do I care about the outcome?"

How to Engage Effectively

Resources:

- NiCER Hub: https://www.pacecleanenergy.org/nicer-hub/
- PURA Successor Program Docket Page: https://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/dockcurr.nsf/(Web+Main+View/All+Dockets)?OpenView&StartKey=26-06-04
- Seven Tips to Assist with Connecticut PURA Filings: https://www.harrisbeachmurtha.com/insights/seven-tips-to-assist-with-connecticut-pura-filings/
- CT Coalition for Climate Action: https://www.climateactionct.org/
- Alliance for Climate Transition: https://www.joinact.org/

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- CT has a strong coalition infrastructure.
- Avoid duplicating effort. A chorus of identical comments has value, but the record is strongest when each stakeholder builds on it with their individual expertise
- Find where others are already engaging and add your value/expertise

Tactical Strategy: Do the Work Now, Before the Docket Opens

The time between now and summer 2026 is your runway

- Don't wait for the proceeding to figure out what you want. **What would a perfect program look like for your organization and the people you serve?**
- Be proactive: Planting seeds early matters.
- **Research comparables**: Where have these conversations happened in other states? What won, what didn't, and why?
- Find organizations with aligned priorities and build joint positions.
- Give PURA something to work with: citable, factual data they can reference in their decisions. Anticipate utility counterarguments and come prepared.

Let’s Work Together!

Connecticut is about to get (even more) busy!

The IOUs out-resource every non-utility stakeholder. This is not a reason to disengage, but rather it makes the wins more meaningful!

I’m still learning this space and by no means the expert, but I'm eager to connect, share what I know, and hear what you're working on.

The more we coordinate, the more impactful we each become.

Design elements to consider?!

- **Expanded low-income community solar access**
- **VPP deployment and targeted utilization of grid assets, aggregating existing systems to shave peak demand**
- **replicating a low-income access model from MA (ECSAP) here in CT**
- **What else?!**

Vote Solar fights for a 100% clean energy transition that puts the interests, health and well-being of people at its center.

Thank you!

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