

PURA to Hold Public Hearings on Tree Trimming Practices in Four Towns

Governor Malloy has directed the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to initiate a proceeding to conduct an investigation into the tree trimming practices of Connecticut's utility companies. *Docket 12-01-10, PURA Investigation into the Tree Trimming Practices of Connecticut's Utility Companies* is one of several initiatives stemming from the 2011 storm investigation.

As part of the examination, PURA will hold a series of evening public hearings beginning Tuesday, July 31, 2012, so that individual residential, commercial and industrial customers, as well as town and state officials can present public comment on the issue of tree trimming.

PURA has announced that public comment hearings in this matter will be held on the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Farmington Town Hall. Town Council Chambers located at One Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT;
- Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Manchester Town Hall. Lincoln Center Hearing Room located at 494 Main Street, Manchester, CT;
- Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Norwich City Hall. Room 335 located at 100 Broadway Street, Norwich, CT; and
- Monday, August 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the Trumbull Town Hall. Council Chambers located at 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, CT.

PURA will also accept written comments from members of the general public who have an interest in the outcome of this proceeding through the last day of the hearings.

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) will be an active participant in this proceeding and encourages the involvement of municipal government leaders and individual ratepayers in this investigation. OCC will present written comments to PURA on August 17, 2012.