

SECTION 9: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Updates on 2024 Legislation

In 2024, multiple pieces of legislation were enacted directing PURA to participate in or complete a number of tasks by certain dates. The below table summarizes each of these bill’s requirement(s) of PURA, the progress made since their passage, and any next steps planned.

Table 15: 2024 Legislation Relevant to PURA

Act	Title	Tasks Assigned to PURA	Effective Date	Progress
<u>Public Act 24-38</u>	An Act Concerning Energy Procurements, Certain Energy Sources and Programs of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority	PURA was added to a task force studying consumer protection for solar customers.	Effective from Passage	PURA has designated a staff member to serve on this task force.
<u>Public Act 24-31</u>	An Act Concerning Solar Projects Throughout the State	Requires PURA to study successor programs to NRES and SCEF. The study will include whether to extend the existing programs beyond their procurement years, potential processes to adopt to avoid stranded projects, potential successor programs, consideration of different criteria, procedures for choosing projects, and identification of alternative bidding frameworks.	Effective from Passage	PURA is preparing to launch a public study process.

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<p><u>Public Act 24-81</u></p>	<p>An Act Concerning Allocations of Federal ARPA Funds and Provisions Related to General Government, Human Services, Education, and the Biennium Ending June 30, 2025</p>	<p>The act contains provisions for PURA to institute telecommunications relay services for deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing persons.</p>	<p>July 1, 2024</p>	<p>In Docket 21-10-05, PURA approved Hamilton Telecommunications to handle telecommunications relay services (TRS) in Connecticut through June 30, 2027. In 2026, PURA will open a new docket to determine bids and select an appropriate TRS provider in Connecticut for July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2032.</p>
<p><u>Public Act 24-151</u></p>	<p>An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State and Concerning Provisions Related to State and Municipal Tax Administration, General Government and School Building Projects</p>	<p>The act indicates that PURA shall initiate a docket to develop a program encouraging the installation of solar and energy storage in schools.</p>	<p>July 1, 2024</p>	<p>PURA included this topic in Docket No. 24-08-03: <u>Annual Non-Residential Energy Solutions Program Review - Year 4</u>. Implementation is ongoing.</p>
<p><u>Public Act 24-144</u></p>	<p>An Act Concerning Certain Proceedings Relating to Electric Transmission Lines and the Membership and Processes of the Connecticut Siting Council</p>	<p>Section 12 requires DEEP, in consultation with PURA and several other government bodies, to prepare a report on the Connecticut Siting Council. The report will focus on the Council's ability to balance the Siting Council's mission with "the need to protect the environment, public health and safety."</p>	<p>Effective from Passage</p>	<p>PURA designated a staff member to participate in this study.</p>

PURA Annual Reports to the General Assembly

Over the years, the State legislature has tasked PURA with providing annual reports to the General Assembly on various topics. Links to the final reports for 2024 are available in Table 12 below.

Table 16: 2024 PURA Reports to the State Legislature

Report Title	Codifying Act	Docket Number	Submission Date	Due Date
2024 PURA Report to the General Assembly Regarding the Electric Efficiency Partners Program	Public Act 07-242	24-02-02	2/15/2024	2/15/2024
2024 PURA Report to the General Assembly Concerning Lost and Unaccounted for Gas	Public Act 14-152	24-03-02	7/1/2024	7/1/2024
2024 PURA Report to the General Assembly on Electric Distribution Company System Reliability	Public Act 98-28	24-08-09	8/19/2024	9/1/2024
PURA Investigation into Distribution System Planning of the Electric Distribution Companies – Building Blocks of Resource Adequacy and Clean Electric Supply: Legislative Report	Public Act 23-102	17-12-03RE10	2/1/2024	2/1/2024
2024 PURA Review of and Report on Connecticut Public Service Company Emergency Response Plans	General Statutes § 16-32e	24-02-03	8/30/2024	10/1/2024
2023 PURA Report to the General Assembly Regarding the State of Electric Competition	General Statutes §§ 16-245x(a), 16-245y(c)	23-11-01	4/1/2024	4/1/2024