

## SECTION 9: LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### Updates on 2025 Legislation

In 2025, 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 11: 2025 Legislation Relevant to PURA**

Act	Title	Tasks Assigned to PURA	Effective Date	Progress
Public Act <u>25-33</u>	An Act Concerning the Environment, Climate, and Sustainable Municipal and State Planning	Section 20: No later than Dec. 31, 2028, DPH, DEEP, and PURA shall each review their regulations pertaining to water supply and revise them to incorporate the most concurrent projections on precipitation, temperature, or other applicable conditions that could impact water quality, quantity, and distribution.	July 1, 2025	This will be undertaken before 2028.
Public Act <u>25-173</u>	An Act Concerning Energy Affordability, Access and Accountability	See summary below.	Multiple Effective Dates	See summary below.
Public Act <u>25-125</u>	An Act Concerning the Protection of the Environment and the Development of Renewable Energy Sources and Associated Job Sectors	Section 13: PURA shall submit a study to develop a solar canopy strategic plan for submittal to the legislature by January 15, 2027.	Effective from Passage	The solar canopy strategic plan is being developed in Docket No. 25-02-14, which also evaluates solar successor programs.
Public Act <u>25-142</u>	An Act Concerning Water Utility Systems and Water Quality and Treatment Surcharges	Section 1: Tasks PURA with approving water companies' water quality and treatment assessment reports for infrastructure or improvement projects.	July 1, 2025	The first water quality treatment adjustment report was reviewed and approved with modification in Docket No. 23-08-32WQ01. Review of these reports and rate adjustments will continue on an ongoing basis as companies submit them.

**Public Act 25-173**

Public Act 25-173, also known as Senate Bill 4, served as the energy omnibus bill for the 2025 session. The bill contains over a dozen directives for the agency, covering a variety of energy and utility policy topics, including electric procurement, demand response programs, and renewable energy tariffs. The bill also creates new directives for the electric distribution companies, OCC, DEEP, and other organizations which impact the agency, such as submitting new materials for review, creating reports, and initiating pilot programs. The table below summarizes the legislation in greater detail.

**Table 16: Public Act 25-173 and PURA’s Directives**

Section	PURA Directives	Effective Date	Progress
Section 3	The Authority shall limit the expenses for EV charging stations and customer wiring upgrades of any light-duty electric vehicle charging program established by the Authority to \$20M per year.	October 1, 2025	The budget cap set in statute was incorporated into the Authority’s Dec. 17, 2025 Decision in Docket No. 25-08-06.
Section 4	PURA shall open an uncontested proceeding to evaluate the duration of the winter shutoff moratorium and the criteria and standards related to medical hardship service terminations. The report is due to the legislature by March 16, 2026.	Effective from Passage	PURA has opened a docket to study the shutoff moratorium and medical hardship as outlined by the legislation. It is currently being investigated in Docket No. 25-06-28.
Section 6	PURA shall conduct a study regarding renewable energy tariff programs, due on March 1, 2026.	Effective from Passage	The Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (RRES) and Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES) programs are being evaluated in Dockets No. 25-08-02 and 25-08-03, respectively.
Section 7	Any low-income rates implemented by PURA, or in any other proceedings initiated on or after October 1, 2025, must include cost-containment measures to protect ratepayers.	July 1, 2025	The section codifies an existing process at PURA. Current cost containment strategies include (1) the LIDR is only applied to up to the first 800 or 1200 kWh, depending on whether electric heating is used, that a customer consumes; and (2) the LIDR is targeted to be under 2% of each EDCs’ annual billed revenue, and if it meets or exceeds that target, the EDCs must file a motion to review the LIDR structure for modification. Future LIDR proceedings will continue to include cost-containment measures.
Section 8	By November 15, 2029, PURA shall report on the implementation of the LIDR structure, including the effectiveness of cost-containing measures, the effectiveness in reducing uncollectibles, and the effectiveness in encouraging bill payment.	July 1, 2025	The impact of LIDR will be assessed in its annual evaluation, Docket No. XX-05-01, following a few years of implementation in order to gather program data.

Section 17	PURA may select the Green Bank, DEEP, EDCs, a third party, or any combination thereof to implement any ratepayer-funded clean energy or renewable energy program established by PURA. Selection must be based on record evidence, qualifications, cost savings, administrative efficiencies, and the impact on customers' experience.	October 1, 2025	PURA has adopted this practice.
Section 19	PURA shall initiate a docket for the purpose of evaluating applications submitted by EDCs for the implementation of time-varying rates by October 1, 2027. The authority may implement such rates.	July 1, 2025	This docket has not yet been opened as it has a deadline of 2027.
Section 31	PURA may initiate an uncontested proceeding to amend the procurement plan from time to time. No later than April 1, 2026, the Authority must submit a report regarding the implementation of the procurement plan.	October 1, 2025	There is no update.
Section 45	PURA shall receive and review agreements pertaining to electric active demand and gas demand response pilot programs, established under DEEP. PURA must approve the agreements if it is cost effective and in the interest of ratepayers.	October 1, 2025	There is no update.
Section 49	PURA shall fall under DEEP for administrative purposes, and the section clarifies that there are to be five appointed commissioners. It also ensures that utility commissioners who choose to write a concurring or dissenting opinion are provided staff to assist in writing such an opinion.	October 1, 2025	PURA is effectively separate from DEEP and falls under the department for administrative purposes only (APO). The commission currently has five members serving as of October 2025.
Section 51	PURA shall adjust the retail rate charged for transmission service periodically to recover all transmission costs prudently incurred, including to fund costs associated with retaining consultants for DEEP and OCC to enable their proceedings with the Connecticut Siting Council, and their evaluations and analysis related thereto.	October 1, 2025	There is no update.
Section 56	PURA may establish, through programs administered by the Authority and the regulation of EDCs, specific goals and metrics aligned with electric system efficiency goals, including incentives for the dispatch of energy generated by behind-the-meter solar for the purpose of increasing system load.	October 1, 2025	PURA has designated staff to collaborate with DEEP on these goals.
Section 59	The section establishes a task force to examine and make recommendations to improve disclosure requirements and consumer protection for solar photovoltaic systems. This includes a designated member of PURA.	Effective from Passage	PURA has designated staff to serve on the task force.

## PURA Annual Reports to the General Assembly

Over the years, the Connecticut General Assembly has tasked PURA with providing annual reports to the legislature on various topics. Links to the final reports for 2025 are available in Table 16 below.

**Table 16: 2025 PURA Reports to the State Legislature**

Report Title	Codifying Act	Docket Number	Submission Date	Due Date
<a href="#"><u>2025 PURA Report to the General Assembly Regarding the Electric Efficiency Partners Program</u></a>	Conn. Gen. Stat. 16-243v(i)	<a href="#"><u>25-02-02</u></a>	February 14	February 15
<a href="#"><u>Annual Report to the Legislature - The State of Electric Competition</u></a>	Conn. Gen. Stat. 16-245x(a)	<a href="#"><u>24-11-01</u></a>	March 31	April 1
<a href="#"><u>2025 PURA Report to the General Assembly Concerning Lost and Unaccounted for Gas</u></a>	Conn. Gen. Stat. 16-34a	<a href="#"><u>25-03-02</u></a>	July 1	July 1
<a href="#"><u>Annual EDC Reliability and Resilience Framework Review</u></a>	Conn. Gen. Stat. 16-32k	<a href="#"><u>25-08-09</u></a>	October 31	November 1
<a href="#"><u>Annual EDC Reliability and Resilience Framework Review - Vegetation Management Practices</u></a>	Conn. Gen. Stat. 16-32k	<a href="#"><u>25-08-09</u></a>	November 6	November 1