



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 17-12-03RE01

PURA INVESTIGATION INTO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLANNING OF THE
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES – ENERGY AFFORDABILITY

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

In the Interim Decision dated October 2, 2019, in Docket No. 17-12-03, PURA Investigation into Distribution System Planning of the Electric Distribution Companies, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA or the Authority) specified a series of reopened proceedings to further investigate a number of near-term topics integral to realizing the objectives outlined in its Framework for an Equitable Modern Grid. Interim Decision, pp. 24 and 25. In accordance with the Interim Decision, the Authority initiated the above-captioned proceeding on October 4, 2019, to investigate the topic of energy affordability for all customer classes in Connecticut. The Authority's investigation seeks to: (1) identify the most impactful barriers to increased energy affordability and equity in the state; and (2) potential solutions to those barriers.

The Authority is conducting this uncontested proceeding pursuant to §§16-11 and 16-244i of the General Statutes of Connecticut (Conn. Gen. Stat.). The final decision of this reopened proceeding may outline service territory-specific implementation details to be vetted in a subsequent contested case rate proceeding, where appropriate. Additional information is available at the Authority's website: <http://www.ct.gov/pura/> regarding the PURA's procedural practices and subsequent filings to the Authority. **The PURA case coordinator assigned to this docket is Laura Lupoli, who can be reached at (860) 827-2631 or laura.lupoli@ct.gov.**

The Authority has designated The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, The United Illuminating Company, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), Connecticut Green Bank, the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP Commissioner), the Department of Social Services, the Center for Children's Advocacy, Connecticut Legal Services, Inc., and Operation Fuel as Participants to this proceeding. Section 16-1-15 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies requires Participants to serve a copy of each filed document to every person or entity on the service list. In addition, all Participants are required to provide two (2) copies of all materials submitted in this docket directly to the OCC. Those copies should be addressed directly to the OCC, not the Authority.

Other persons seeking Participant status in this proceeding are requested to file a motion no later than October 31, 2019. Such motion must be served on all persons/entities on the PURA service list for this proceeding. Except for routine motions, such as requests for extensions of time, or unless otherwise directed, the Authority will allow Participants seven (7) calendar days from the date it is received by the Authority to respond or four (4) calendar days to request an extension of time to respond to motions filed in this proceeding. The current service list for this docket is available on the Authority's website: <http://www.ct.gov/pura/>. Each person seeking Participant status may

designate up to two persons for inclusion on the service list. Others who wish to receive e-mail notifications, but do not seek official status in the matter, may register on the PURA website for an e-mail notification account at <http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DPUCPublicList.NSF/>.

The PURA encourages electronic submission of all filings through the Web Filing Account Management System at <http://www.ct.gov/pura/>. Persons filing electronically or wishing to be listed as a contact must create an account through the Authority's website under Docket Services (Make a Web Filing). Once registered, you may proceed to the Docket Database Web Filing System to log on and submit your filing. The date and time of filing shall be the date and time the Authority first receives a complete electronic version or the paper version and the required number of paper copies. Unless otherwise specified, filings are due by 4:00 p.m. on or before any required date. If a complete electronic version of the filing is submitted through the Authority's Web Filing System, only one paper version of the filing is generally required. For exceptionally voluminous or complex filings, the Authority reserves the right to request additional paper copies. If a complete electronic version of the filing is not web filed, submit an original and one copy.

The application in the above proceeding is accessible at the offices of the PURA or on the PURA's website under the "Docket Info" link. As noted above, the website's e-mail notification link enables subscribers to receive email notification when documents are filed or issued in this docket. For assistance with any PURA online service, contact the PURA case coordinator assigned to this docketed matter.

Attorneys not licensed by Connecticut must follow Connecticut's *pro hac vice* procedures in order to appear before PURA in any administrative proceeding. The Connecticut Superior Court Forms JD-CL-142 & 143, titled an "Application for Permission for Attorney to Appear Pro Hac Vice Before a Municipal or State Agency, Commission, Board or Tribunal" and "Affidavit of Attorney Seeking Permission to Appear Pro Hac Vice" must be filed with and granted by the Connecticut Superior Court. Upon the Court's approval, the Forms JD-CL-142 & 143 together with the Court's order granting the Pro Hac Vice status, is required to be filed with the Authority prior to an attorney's participation in each relevant PURA proceeding.

Please be advised that, even though this is an uncontested matter, the Authority will be strictly observing Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-181, which prohibits ex parte communication. As such, there may be no communication, direct or indirect, with Commissioners or the Authority's staff on any issue of fact or law pertaining to this matter unless that communication takes place in the course of a noticed hearing or meeting, or is made in writing and submitted in the docket with copies supplied to all other designated participants. Communication with the PURA's case coordinator regarding scheduling is not ex parte and is permitted. Communication with staff assigned to the Prosecutorial Unit, which has status as a participant, is not constrained. The normal discourse that takes place between participants is permitted.

The Authority operates with the strong presumption that all documents filed with it are public records subject to the right of public inspection and copying in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-200 et. seq. In those exceptional circumstances where a Party or Intervenor believes that information it intends

to file is confidential under law, it may file a Motion for a Protective Order requesting an exemption from public disclosure. The Motion must provide specific legal arguments with reference to state or federal law describing with supporting facts why the information should be kept confidential. A certified affidavit supplied by a competent witness in support of the Motion, a proposed protective order and nondisclosure agreement must be appended to the Motion. The confidential material itself must be submitted in hard copy only to the Authority for *in camera* review by the Authority. Each page of the confidential information shall be stamped "CONFIDENTIAL," and the material shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE." Do not send any proposed confidential information electronically to the Authority. The Authority will rule on the Motion forthwith, and give further direction as necessary. Contact the Authority's Executive Secretary at (860) 827-1553 with questions regarding making a confidential filing.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut this 8th day of October, 2019.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary