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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

APPLICATION OF THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY TO AMEND ITS RATE SCHEDULES	:	**DOCKET NO. 26-05-10**
		JULY 15, 2026

PROTECTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company" or "CL&P") has on July 14, 2026 submitted a motion for protective order relating to certain information to be filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") in Docket No. 26-05-10, Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy to Amend its Rate Schedules, which information would, in the opinion of the Company, result in the disclosure of commercially-sensitive, confidential, and proprietary information.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered, that the following procedure is adopted for the protection of the information provided by the Company ("Confidential Information"):

1. All Confidential Information provided by the Company, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified essentially as follows: "Docket No. 26-05-10 Confidential Information," and will be governed by the terms of this Protective Order ("Order"). The Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies, or otherwise.

2. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be given to Commissioners and staff of PURA, and to the Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") and its staff, and to the Attorney General and his staff ("Attorney General") upon the Attorney General's

execution of the Acknowledgement referenced below. Consultants retained by PURA, OCC, and the Attorney General shall also be provided with the Confidential Information upon their becoming signatories to the Order and executing the Nondisclosure Agreement, attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* ("Signatories"). Upon a showing of good cause, PURA may place additional restrictions upon the access to Confidential Information given to certain parties and intervenors.

Commissioners and staff of PURA and OCC and its staff are bound by the terms of the Order. The Attorney General (including staff members) shall be bound by the terms of the Order provided that a representative thereof has executed the Acknowledgement found at the close of the Order.

Signatories to this Order agree to be bound by its terms and shall not use the Confidential Information except for purposes of this proceeding. All parties and intervenors, including consultants, in receipt of the Confidential Information under the Order, shall maintain a written log of all individuals granted access to said Confidential Information. All persons granted access to the Confidential Information shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or for any other purpose, other than for purposes of preparation for and conduct of this proceeding solely as contemplated herein and shall in good faith take all reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of the Order.

PURA, OCC, signatories to this Order, and all persons granted access to the Confidential Information, including consultants of state agencies, agree to comply with the terms of the State of Connecticut's Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Policy, Policy AI-01 AI Responsible Use Framework ("Policy AI-01"). Policy AI-01 explicitly prohibits the submission of confidential or privileged information to Large Language Models ("LLMs"), such as ChatGPT, Bard, Bing and

Chat, and generative AI. Policy AI-01 also provides many other guidelines and prohibitions around the use of AI by state agencies. Policy AI-01 prioritizes fairness, privacy, transparency, accountability, and security. Ultimately, Policy AI-01 must be followed relative to both non-confidential and confidential data that the Company will submit in the course of this proceeding, because of significant ramifications concerning public trust and ethical use of AI in Connecticut state government.

If, however, a recipient of Confidential Information concludes that Policy AI-01 does *not* prohibit the recipient from inputting some or all of the Confidential Information into an AI model, then such recipient must first provide prior written notice thereof to the Company, so that the Company's I.T. professionals can determine whether the Company consents to such proposal only if the Company determines there are appropriate safeguards in place to adequately protect the confidentiality of such Confidential Information. If the Company declines to consent to such proposed use, then the recipient can elect to seek review of such declination by PURA.

3. Confidential Information will be marked as such and delivered to Jeffery R. Gaudiosi, Executive Secretary of PURA via flash drive as permitted by the July 10, 2026 Procedural Order in this proceeding, or electronically in an email with a subject line labeled in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

4. Any Confidential Information made available pursuant to the Order shall be part of the record in the docket cited above, subject to the same relevancy and other evidentiary considerations as non-confidential information, subject to the conditions stated in Paragraphs Five and Six of the Order.

5. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any interrogatory, letter, petition, brief, or other writing ("Document"), all reference to the Confidential Information in the Document shall be either:

(a) in a separate document, prominently labeled "Proprietary Information," which document shall be safeguarded in accordance with the Order and distributed only to Directors and staff of PURA, to the OCC, and Attorney General, and to Signatories; or

(b) solely by title or exhibit reference, in a manner reasonably calculated not to disclose the Confidential Information.

6. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any proceeding or during the course of a public hearing before PURA or its Commissioners ("Hearing"), the Hearing shall not be held before, nor any record of it made available to, any party, intervenor, or other person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA, OCC, and Attorney General staff. Presence at the Hearing shall be limited to one or more Commissioners and appropriate staff of PURA, representatives of the Companies, staff of the OCC and the Attorney General, and Signatories to this Order. No record shall be disclosed, nor any communication made, of use of the Confidential Information in the Hearing to any person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA, OCC, and Attorney General staff. Any transcript or other recording of the Hearing which relates to the Confidential Information shall be placed in sealed envelopes or containers and a statement essentially in the following form placed prominently on such envelope or container:

"<u>CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY</u>

This envelope is not to be opened nor the
contents to be displayed or revealed except

pursuant to the pertinent Protective Order
issued in Docket No. 26-05-10."

7. Nothing herein shall be construed as a final determination that any of the Confidential Information will be admissible as substantive evidence in this proceeding or at any hearing or trial. Moreover, nothing herein shall be considered a waiver of any party's right to assert at a later date that the material is or is not proprietary or privileged. A party seeking to change the terms of the Order shall by motion give every other party five (5) business days prior written notice. No information protected by the Order shall be made public until PURA rules on any such motion to change the terms of the Order. Confidential Information otherwise properly discovered, even though also subject to the terms of the Order, shall not be considered protected by the Order.

8. All copies of such Confidential Information shall be returned to the Companies no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of all appeal periods applicable to the final decision rendered in this proceeding.

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AUTHORITY

Dated: _____, 2026 By: _____
Commissioner

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REVIEWED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has reviewed this Protective Order, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms thereof, in exchange for receipt of Confidential Information from CL&P.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: _____, 2026 By: _____

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Exhibit 1

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company") agrees to make available to the undersigned recipient ("Recipient") confidential and proprietary information filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in Docket No. 26-05-10, Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy to Amend its Rate Schedules ("Confidential Information") subject to the terms of the Protective Order in the docket and the following restrictions:

1. Any information provided to Recipient labeled "Confidential Information" by the Company shall be Confidential Information subject to the Protective Order and this Nondisclosure Agreement.

2. The Confidential Information is received by Recipient in confidence.

3. The Confidential Information shall not be used or disclosed by Recipient except in accordance with the terms contained herein and in the Companies' Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. 26-05-10.

4. Only individuals, and not entities, may be Recipients of Confidential Information. The Recipient must be an attorney or independent consultant for a party in this proceeding. The Recipient acknowledges that he/she now represents or in the future may represent competitors or potential competitors of the Companies and that disclosure of Confidential Information for the benefit of competitors of the Companies could adversely affect the Companies and their customers. By executing this Nondisclosure Agreement, each Recipient certifies that he/she meets the requirements hereof.

5. The following conditions shall apply to each Recipient:

    a. Each Recipient shall receive one (1) numbered, controlled copy of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall not make any copies thereof or provide the Confidential Information to any individual or entity except one who has executed and delivered this Nondisclosure Agreement to the Companies.

    b. The Recipient shall maintain a log of all persons granted access to the Confidential Information.

c. The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement, acknowledges that he/she may not in any manner disclose the Confidential Information to any person, and that he/she may not use the Confidential Information for the benefit of any person except in this proceeding and in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

d. The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement, acknowledges that he/she may not in any manner violate the State of Connecticut's Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Policy, Policy AI-01 AI Responsible Use Framework ("Policy AI-01"). Consultants for state agencies are agents who shall be bound by Policy AI-01. Policy AI-01 explicitly prohibits the submission of confidential or privileged information to Large Language Models ("LLMs"), such as ChatGPT, Bard, Bing and Chat, and generative AI. Policy AI-01 also provides many other guidelines and prohibitions around the use of AI by state agencies.

e. If, however, the Recipient of Confidential Information concludes that Policy AI-01 does not prohibit the recipient from inputting some or all of the Confidential Information into an AI model, then such recipient must first provide prior written notice thereof to the Company, so that the Company's I.T. professionals can determine whether the Company consents to such proposal only if the Company determines there are appropriate safeguards in place to adequately protect the confidentiality of such Confidential Information.

f. The Recipient acknowledges that any violation of this Nondisclosure Agreement may subject the Recipient to civil actions for violation hereof. Additionally, any Recipient who is an attorney acknowledges his/her ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct to abide by the Nondisclosure Agreement and to handle properly all Confidential Information that is subject to the Protective Order.

g. Within thirty (30) days of the final decision in this proceeding, Recipient shall return all Confidential Information to the Companies.

Recipient:_____

Date:_____