STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 26-05-10
APPLICATION OF THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY TO AMEND ITS RATE SCHEDULES

****REVISED** PROCEDURAL ORDER REGARDING PROTECTED MATERIALS**

On June 2, 2026, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority) issued a Notice of Proceeding acknowledging that The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Company or Eversource) had submitted a notice of intent to file an application to amend its existing rate schedules on or about July 14, 2026. Notice of Proceeding, p. 1. The Authority also stated that:

> 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, General Statutes § 1-200 et seq. In those exceptional circumstances where a party or intervenor believes that information is confidential under law, a motion for a protective order requesting an exemption from public disclosure may be filed. The motion must provide specific facts and legal arguments, with reference to state or federal law, explaining why the information should be kept confidential. A certified affidavit supplied by a competent witness in support of the motion must be appended to the motion. **Until otherwise directed by the Authority, all confidential material must be submitted electronically by email to Jeff.Gaudiosi@ct.gov contemporaneously with the filing of a motion. The email's subject line shall state in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE." Each page of any electronic confidential information shall also contain a header "PROTECTED MATERIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."** The associated motion for a protective order shall be filed publicly.

Notice of Proceeding, p. 4 (emphasis in original).

For administrative efficiency in this proceeding, the Authority issues the following procedural order regarding motions for protective orders:

1. No later than two days after responses to a set of interrogatories are due, a party shall file a single motion for a protective order that addresses all requests for confidential treatment of responses to that set of interrogatories.

2. If the time to respond to a portion of a set of interrogatories is extended, the motion for a protective order shall be filed no later than two days after the latest due date for any portion of that set.

3. Each motion for a protective order shall**:

   a. Provide** specific facts and legal arguments, with reference to state or federal law, explaining why the information should be kept confidential. A claimant must "provide more than conclusory language, generalized allegations or mere arguments of counsel. Rather, a sufficiently detailed record must reflect the reasons why an exemption applies to the materials requested." New Haven v. Freedom of Information Commission, 205 Conn. 767, 776 (1988)**;

   b. Include** the following table, with an entry provided for each document submitted confidentially:

Interrogatory Number or File Name	Response or Attachment Name	Date Redacted Version Filed	Date Confidential Version Submitted

**and

   c. For bulk filings (i.e., filings over 500 pages), include an index indicating the page number of each of the redactions.

4.**Parties and intervenors may redact certain information from publicly filed documents if the redactions are narrowly tailored and the party or intervenor reasonably believes the redacted information comports with the type of information typically granted protected treatment (see **paragraph 6, below,** for a list of information that may be redacted prior to the Authority's review).[1] Any party or intervenor redacting a publicly filed document prior to Authority review shall comply with all requirements of the preceding paragraphs. The filing of redacted materials does not obviate the need to file a motion for a protective order. The Authority may subsequently order any necessary revisions to the redactions, without limitation by time.

5.As a general rule, parties and intervenors may not submit bulk filings confidentially without a redacted version submitted publicly. However, a party or intervenor may file a motion requesting to only submit the bulk filings confidentially

[1] FOIA exemptions are permissive, not mandatory, and agencies may elect to disclose information that is subject to an exemption. See Opinions, Conn. Atty. Gen. No. 2005-026 (October 14, 2005), pp. 1, 3; Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. State, No. CV054014549, 2005 WL 2277264 at *4 (Conn. Super. Ct. Aug. 25, 2005) ("exemptions listed at General Statutes § 1-210(b) . . . are permissive"); State Office of the Attorney General v. Freedom of Information Commission, Superior Court, No. CV094021768S, 2011 WL 522872 at *6 (Conn. Super. Ct. Jan. 20, 2011) (discretion exists for disclosures of information "controlled by the permissive language 'nothing . . . shall be construed to require disclosure of'").

in extraordinary circumstances. Sheer volume is not a sufficient basis for submitting bulk filings only confidentially, without submitting a public version.[2]

**6. Parties and intervenors may redact the following information prior to the Authority's review:

a.**Customers' individually identifiable information (e.g., names, phone numbers, utility account numbers, bank account information, email addresses, and physical addresses);

b.Contract terms whose disclosure would negatively impact the filer's business position or the business position of an entity with which it has a contractual relationship (e.g., special negotiated contract terms including pricing, unit cost information, and commercial terms);

c.Confidential legal settlement information, which includes amounts of individual claims;

d.Records for which there is a reasonable basis to believe disclosure may result in a safety risk to a person or a government-owned or leased institution, including an institution or facility owned or leased by a public service company, (e.g., critical energy infrastructure);

e.Confidential cybersecurity information whose disclosure may result in a safety or security risk;

f.Employee names, personal email addresses, personal physical addresses, and personal identification numbers, as well as personnel and medical information, the disclosure of which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy;

g.Internal audit reports, benchmarking analyses, and other non-public business information, including information analyzing and critiquing internal company business strategies and operating practices;

h.Internal bid evaluation processes and procedures;

i.Tax returns and related tax information;

j.Confidential and proprietary formulae; and

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[2] On May 5, 2026, Eversource submitted undocketed correspondence (later docketed as correspondence on May 29, 2026) proposing that it "not be required to generate a public redacted copy of any high-volume confidential information (i.e., exhibits/attachments larger than 500 pages). Instead, consistent with past practice, a complete unredacted copy of high-volume documents would be timely filed in a confidential format . . . ." The Authority does not accept this proposal.

k.Strategic discussions in meeting minutes, (e.g., board of director discussion regarding awarding contracts to vendors, commercially sensitive discussions regarding affiliates, and confidential financial information).

7.Notwithstanding **paragraph 6, above**, the following information is generally not subject to protected treatment and should not be redacted from publicly filed materials:

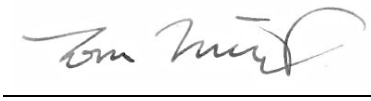
a.Information that has been previously publicly disclosed;

b.Non-negotiated contract terms, such as standard terms, aggregate numbers, estimates, and regulatory fees; and

c.Non-executive employee job titles, salaries, and compensation information, when employee names are redacted. If necessary to avoid the disclosure of salary information for a specific non-executive employee, such information may be filed in an adjusted manner, including modifying job titles to a more generic form (e.g., director, manager, etc.).

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, this 17th day of September, 2026.

By direction of the following commissioners,



Thomas H. Wiehl
Chairman



David Arconti, Jr.
Vice Chairman



Janice A. Beecher
Commissioner



Holly H. Cheeseman
Commissioner



Everett Smith, III
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