Response to Request for Proposals
Distribution Rate Case Legal Services

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RE: Response to Request for Proposals - Distribution Rate Case Legal Services

Dear [redacted] and [redacted]

On behalf of Harris Beach Murtha, thank you for the opportunity to present our experience and qualifications to provide rate case and regulatory related legal services to Eversource Energy. We are confident that our team of attorneys can deliver services that will exceed your expectations. We will structure our approach to the work to best meet your needs, ensuring that we completely understand issues, timing, and the best way to apply a solution to any given matter.

Enclosed please find detailed information about our Energy Industry Team, including the specific attorneys who we envision will be primarily responsible for providing services to Eversource. Detailed information about our competitive fee structure is also enclosed. Harris Beach Murtha is a full-service, multi-faceted firm with exceptional depth and breadth of experience. We are confident that our practice of providing practical and responsive legal counsel will be an asset to Eversource.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss in greater detail how we can meet the legal needs of Eversource. In the interim, please feel free to contact me regarding any questions on the enclosed material or for further information. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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About The Firm

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Harris Beach Murtha is more than a law firm. We are a strategic partner dedicated to providing legal services that align with your business goals and spur success. We are a one-stop shop for problem solving – a mid-size firm with full-service capabilities that help your business navigate legal challenges and manage day-to-day operations. Skillful legal representation often makes the difference in business growth and prosperity.

A forward-thinking and innovative partner with the benefit of more than 250 years of combined history, our New York roots reach back to 1856 and we have had ties to New England since 1936. We are a regional firm with more than 250 attorneys across 17 offices in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York.

The Northeast Corridor is a major driver of our nation's economy, and we understand the complex regulatory, governmental, political and cultural environments. We are equipped to help clients, especially new and emerging businesses, successfully navigate those landscapes. That is a true differentiator for our clients. But, make no mistake, we are not limited by geography, time zones or language. We have a Northeast presence with global reach, and boldly embrace the unique challenges of regional, national and international law.

FAST FACTS

- **250+** attorneys
- **17** offices across Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York
- Attorneys practicing in more than **30** major areas of law
- More than **20** industries served
- **7** nationally ranked practice areas by Best Law Firms
- **70+** Super Lawyers
- **100+** Best Lawyers
- **24** attorneys and **13** practice areas ranked in the 2024 edition of Chambers USA: A Guide to America's Leading Lawyers in Business
- Ranked nationally among top law firms by *The National Law Journal*

Collaborating for Innovative, Customized Solutions

Our goal is to answer your most difficult questions and complex legal and business challenges with innovative, customized solutions. We are more than attorneys. We are counselors in the truest sense of the word, working to understand your needs and collaborating for efficient answers that produce the desired results. We are client-focused and committed to thinking big, pursuing excellence and exceeding expectations.

Our clients include Fortune 100 corporations, privately-held companies, emerging businesses, public sector utilities, tax-exempt organizations and individuals. We zealously represent industries such as automotive, cannabis, construction and surety, education, energy, financial markets, food and beverage, health care, long-term care, manufacturing, medical and life sciences, gaming and hospitality, real estate development, retail, utilities and state and local governments and authorities.

Our mid-size team is filled with nationally recognized attorneys; thought leaders practicing in every major area of law. We believe in hands-on client service, mutual respect and cost-effective advocacy. We take pride in being nimble and quick to pivot. Our simple approach is consistently delivered and why our clients return time and time again, year after year, decade after decade.

Our People and Values

Our growth mindset is an integral part of our business strategy. Our strongest investments are in our people and the tools and technology they need to deliver high-quality services that meet client goals, save time and help drive positive bottom-line results. We are equipped and prepared to see your vision through. Our strong culture and well-deserved reputation for excellence were developed over many years. Our core set of values and beliefs – integrity, respect, accountability, ingenuity, teamwork, inclusion and engagement – shape the behavior of our organization and its people. It defines who we are and where we are going.

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2 Our Capabilities

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PREPARED FOR EVERSOURCE ENERGY

ENERGY INDUSTRY TEAM

The energy field is transforming rapidly throughout the nation, no more so than in New York and New England. Harris Beach Murtha's energy attorneys help clients throughout the country keep up with what's new, while also providing common-sense answers to client issues. We realize the energy industry presents challenges, but we, like you, see fantastic opportunities.

Our experienced Energy Industry Team — which includes a former Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission and the Chief Executive Officer of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) — regularly works in all aspects of energy law with a wide variety of clients, including electric, gas and water utilities, generation and transmission owners, energy service companies, energy facility developers, real estate developers, retail energy providers, large commercial and industrial customers and governmental entities. We help these private and public entities successfully achieve their energy initiatives.

In addition to a rich history serving clients in the fossil-fuel fired electric generation field, our energy lawyers advise clients on developing innovative projects that produce energy from alternative and renewable resources, such as offshore wind, solar, hydroelectric, battery energy storage, fuel cells, biomass and solid waste. That work includes cogeneration, small power production and merchant power plant development. We offer our considerable experience in federal and state energy policy and law, in addition to environmental law.

Our firm has been involved, in various roles, in many of the major energy projects throughout Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. We help with every phase of large and small-scale energy projects: renewable generation and transmission lines; offshore wind siting and permitting; regulatory compliance; standardized interconnection requirements and services; energy siting and permitting approvals, including environmental, land use and real estate due diligence; electric, gas and renewable contract drafting; negotiation; tax issues; public/community outreach; funding, including public finance; and more. This includes hydroelectric generating facilities, base load and peaking fossil fuel fired facilities, and nuclear energy installations.

Harris Beach Murtha has experience with investor and municipal-owned gas and electric utilities, behind-the-meter generation, Engineering Procurement and Construction agreements, Asset Purchase Agreements, Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreements, Membership Interest Purchase and Sale agreements, and all related documents.

They also routinely interact with federal and state agencies in Hartford, Albany and Boston and states throughout the country.

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Clients rely on us to guide them in understanding regulatory and legal issues surrounding the energy industry and to educate them on how to comply with governmental requirements in the energy and related environmental and economic development fields. We take a multi-disciplinary approach to craft comprehensive legal solutions as unique as the private and public entities we represent, all with a goal of maximized returns on your energy investments.

RATE CASE PURA EXPERIENCE

Harris Beach Murtha attorneys have an intimate knowledge of utility ratemaking, rate design, and the regulatory ratemaking process. We have represented large natural gas and water utilities in ratemaking proceedings before the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). We also have experience in electric rate cases, including electric generation cost of service rates.

Daniel Canavan has an impressive track record of preparing and litigating rate case proceedings before PURA. Immediately prior to joining the firm, Dan served as the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Avangrid, Inc., during which he led the state regulatory organization for Connecticut and Massachusetts-based electric and gas utilities. In that role, Dan led the development, submission and litigation of multiple electric and gas rates cases before PURA. Dan is intimately familiar with all aspects of a rate proceedings, including cost of service studies, revenue requirement models, employee compensation and benefits, return on equity methodologies, recovery of capital investments, cost allocation, multi-year rate plans, performance based ratemaking and rate design. Dan has extensive experience leading cross-functional and multidisciplinary teams to develop, file and litigate multiple rate proceedings before state regulatory commissions, including government affairs, community outreach and corporate communications teams to influence the regulatory landscape. Dan has not only prepared countless witnesses for hearings, he has extensive first-hand experience testifying in regulatory proceedings. Dan has developed and implemented processes to support regulatory litigation, including discovery, motion practice, rebuttal testimony, witness hearing preparation, briefing and oral arguments. Dan's executive leadership experience leading cross-functional teams supporting highly litigious rate proceedings in Connecticut is unique among the Connecticut bar.

Dan has demonstrable first-hand knowledge of PURA's ratemaking practices and precedent, having served in a lead role many of PURA's most recent fully litigated rate proceedings. Dan has also served in senior legal positions at Avangrid and Eversource Energy, where he supported multiple rate case proceedings as counsel. More specifically, Dan has prepared and litigated the following rate proceedings over the last decade:

- Docket No. 24-10-04, *The United Illuminating Company*
- Docket No. 23-11-02, *Connecticut Natural Gas Corp. & The Southern Connecticut Gas Company*
- Docket No. 22-08-08, *The United Illuminating Company*

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- D.P.U. 20-25, *The Berkshire Gas Company*
- Docket No. 18-05-16, *Connecticut Natural Gas Corp.*
- Docket No. 17-05-42, *The Southern Connecticut Gas Company*
- Docket No. 16-06-04, *The United Illuminating Company*

In addition rate case proceedings, Dan has significant experience with other ratemaking mechanisms allowed under PURA, including the implementation of performance-based regulation in Docket Nos. 21-05-15RE01, et al, evaluation of compliance with non-wires solutions directives in Docket Nos. 17-12-03RE07 and 24-08-08, and evaluation of compliance with the reliability/resiliency framework in Docket No. 17-12-03RE08. Moreover, Dan has extensive experience across a broad range of utility regulatory proceedings, including storm investigations, change-of-control proceedings, energy storage, distributed generation facilities, performance-based rates, zero emission vehicle infrastructure and emerging grid-mod and non-wire alternative technologies. Dan has extensive experience negotiating and obtaining approval of various energy-related commercial transactions, including sophisticated purchase power agreements and interconnection agreements for zero-emission facilities such as offshore wind and nuclear generation.

Bruce McDermott has worked on GenConn's annual fixed revenue requirement proceedings both at UIL and for the past several years while at the Firm. Additionally, Bruce participated in the representation of UI in several rate case proceedings while at UIL and when he was a partner at Wiggin and Dana LLP.

Select representative experience:

- Docket No. 20-12-30 - *The Connecticut Water Company*
- Docket No. 18-06-01, Application of GenConn Energy LLC for Establishment of 2019 Revenue Requirements
- Docket No. 19-05-48, Application of GenConn Energy LLC for Establishment of 2020 Revenue Requirements
- Docket No. 19-05-48RE01, Application of GenConn Energy LLC for Establishment of 2020 Revenue Requirements – Review of EADIT and DFIT Adjustments
- Docket No. 20-06-14, Application of GenConn Energy for Establishment of 2021 Revenue Requirements
- Docket No. 21-06-28, Application of GenConn Energy LLC for Establishment of 2022 Revenue Requirements
- Docket No. 22-06-02, GenConn Energy LLC Application to Establish 2023 Revenue Requirements
- Docket No. 23-06-02, GenConn Energy LLC Application to Establish 2024 Revenue Requirements
- Docket No. 24-06-02, GenConn Energy LLC Application to Establish 2025 Revenue Requirements

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Aubrey (Ohanian) Roman focuses her practice in the areas of energy law and appellate practice. As a member of the Firm's Energy Industry Team, Aubrey advises clients on regulatory matters before the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC). Aubrey's regulatory practice before the PSC includes representing transmission developers in securing Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law (PSL), gas and electric corporations seeking to transfer or lease regulated assets and secure Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), utilities in rate case proceedings, and corporate entities and real estate developers seeking to obtain approval to submeter electricity within multi-family residential buildings. Aubrey represents water and natural gas utilities in several proceedings before the PSC, including the following major rate cases:

- NYPSC Case 18-G-0133. Commenced a proceeding to resolve cost overruns at a gas company incurred on a service territory expansion project and reset newly added customer rates as a result. Case was ultimately resolved with an unopposed settlement agreement.
- NYPSC 20-W-0102. Commenced a proceeding seeking authorization to transfer regulated water utility to new upstream owner. NYPSC authorized transfer following litigation relying on terms of an opposed joint proposal that included certain rate protections for customers in the years immediately following transfer.
- NYPSC 21-G-0577. First major rate case for the new parent company of a gas-only utility. Case was ultimately resolved with an unopposed joint proposal.
- NYPSC 23-W-0235. First major rate case for the new parent company of New York's largest privately-owned water company. Case was ultimately resolved with an unopposed joint proposal.
- NYPSC 23-W-0235. Petition to recover non-union, management incentive compensation program that includes direct and shared services components and is supported by a utility-specific compensation study.

Harris Beach Murtha has long been a leading law firm serving our clients in the energy industry and has developed a reputation as a leader in this area of law through the development of sophisticated and innovative strategies. The Firm's Energy Practice Group combines its extensive regulatory experience with the strengths of related practices to provide full service legal counsel to our energy clients. Our energy attorneys have years of practical experience in developing innovative and strategic approaches to energy challenges and opportunities. We know the business and use our knowledge to deliver high quality legal services in a cost-effective manner. We have significant experience in representing clients in contested cases before administrative agencies, as well as before the Superior Court (in lawsuits and administrative appeals), and before the Connecticut Appellate Court and Supreme Court. In addition, our attorneys regularly advocate for energy clients in commercial disputes, both formally and informally.

In the highly regulated and fast-evolving energy industry, having go-to regulatory support makes all the difference. At Harris Beach Murtha, our regulatory attorneys frequently practice before PURA and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. We have

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represented clients in various ratemaking proceedings before PURA. Additionally, we have experience in electric rate cases, including electric generation cost-of-service rates.

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Your Team

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YOUR DEDICATED TEAM

Daniel Canavan and Bruce McDermott are submitting this proposal on behalf of Harris Beach Murtha and will serve as the relationship partner for Eversource. As your primary contacts, Dan and Bruce will be directly responsible for the performance of the work, or in consultation with Eversource, for staffing the work according to Eversource's needs in specific matters. Dan and Bruce will be joined by equally critical members of the dedicated core team highlighted below as we strive to provide a streamlined and effective method of service delivery. These attorneys will be available to handle Eversource matters on a daily basis.

We have assembled a core attorney team that can efficiently and effectively provide guidance and manage Eversource legal matters in all the practice areas for which you are seeking outside counsel assistance. Further, this core team can draw upon the experience and availability of more than 250 attorneys and 230 professional and support staff firmwide as specific needs arise.

Complete attorney biographies are included as **Appendix A** with this Proposal.

Relationship Attorneys



Daniel R. Canavan
Partner



Bruce L. McDermott
Partner

Core Team



Aubrey A. (Ohanian) Roman
Partner



Raquel Herrera-Soto
Associate



Joshua Schneider
Associate

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4 Conflicts Check

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE

We have conducted an initial conflict check and to the best of our knowledge, Harris Beach Murtha does not represent persons or entities who/which may be adverse to Eversource. We would complete an additional firm-wide conflicts check to verify that no such conflict has materialized prior to commencing work for Eversource.

CONFLICTS PROCEDURE

Should a conflict exist in the future; the firm's conflicts procedure is extensive and has been reviewed and approved by our professional liability carrier. The turnaround time from receipt of conflict check assignment is generally less than 24 hours. Before a file is opened, the firm's records management department conducts a thorough electronic search to determine if any of the parties involved in the new matter have been identified in any of the firm's past cases or matters. If a potential conflict is identified, the attorneys involved are contacted for their review of the files and to make a determination if the conflict actually exists, and if so, are responsible for determining the remedy to the issue. As a final procedure in the conflict checking process, a list of all new matters that are waiting to be opened is circulated to the entire firm on a daily basis. Each office is also emailed a list of matters opened for their respective office on that day. Every employee of the firm is required to review this list of new matters for potential conflicts.

PROTECTION FROM MISTAKES AND INDEMNIFICATION

All client matters are supervised by a partner. The Supervising Partner performs an initial matter assessment and is responsible to determine the matter-specific strategy. Strategy is implemented by the attorney(s) with the most relevant experience for the task. The Supervising Partner is required to sign-off on major opinions and reports and ensures that the matter stays within projected or revised budget. All new matters are conflict-checked by our Client Data and Conflict Services Department.

Harris Beach Murtha follows the Disciplinary Rules of the Code of Professional Responsibility and all other canons governing the practice of law. We also follow client guidelines, such as litigation management guidelines with the relationship partner and lead attorney on a matter accountable for ensuring the firm's compliance. Additionally, the firm and all its attorneys are covered by malpractice insurance insuring against the professional liability risks associated with the services to be rendered to Eversource. Finally, Harris Beach Murtha will comply with Eversource's policies at all times, as applicable, including, but not limited to, its confidentiality policies and all policies applied to independent contractors.

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OUR COMPETITIVE FEE STRUCTURE

Harris Beach Murtha recognizes that the prime purpose behind any fee arrangement is to offer the best value at a competitive rate. Our stringent case management strategy is to manage the time spent on a matter in the best interest of the client. Our firm's consistent growth is a result of our commitment to providing the best legal services in a cost-effective and responsive manner. Harris Beach Murtha prides itself on providing proficient case management by teaming the right combination of highly skilled partners and associates to execute a project efficiently. Each attorney who works on a matter has a clearly designated role; we do not assign multiple attorneys to work on a file simultaneously unless they are fulfilling different functions or supplying different areas of expertise. It is important to note that, whenever possible, Harris Beach Murtha partners channel legal research and other support work on files to associates or paralegals at the lowest billing rate consistent with performing at our highest standard of excellence.

In general, under the hourly billing scenario, fees for the firm's services are determined on the basis of the time devoted by attorneys and other professional and paraprofessional personnel. Where our fees are based upon hourly rates, we record our time in units of tenths of an hour and keep accurate records showing the time we devote to your work.

(1) Each bidder should provide the names, positions, and hourly billing rates for all staff, including attorneys, paralegals, and other staff that are anticipated to be involved in the proceeding and that may bill time to the Company during the proceeding.

Standard Fees Arrangement

We are submitting a traditional hourly fee structure. Our hourly billing rates typically range from [redacted] for partners and senior counsel, [redacted] for associates and other attorneys, and [redacted] for paralegals.

For Eversource, Harris Beach Murtha proposes the following hourly rate structure:

(i) a single hourly rate for all partners and a separate single hourly rate for all associates:

Title	Rate
Partner	[redacted]
Associates	

(ii) a blended hourly rate for all partners and associates:

Title	Rate
All Partners and Associates	[redacted]

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(iii) the individual hourly rates for each partner and each associate:

Name	Title	Rate
Daniel R. Canavan	Partner	[redacted]
Bruce L. McDermott	Partner	
Aubrey A. (Ohanian) Roman	Partner	
Raquel Herrera-Soto	Associate	
Joshua A. Schneider	Associate	

For some work or specific attorneys, the rate may be higher if highly specialized matters are involved. However, this will only be charged with your consent. Generally speaking, this will not occur with the general issues. We practice efficiently in an effort to provide the best answer in the most effective manner possible.

Items that shall be considered billable covered in the hourly rates set out above include individual conferences and meetings, team conferences and meetings, telephone consultations, administrative proceedings, disciplinary proceedings, preparation for hearings, contract grievance proceedings, arbitration, collective bargaining, general litigation, court representation and travel. While we may use attorneys from more than one office, our policy is to charge travel and mileage from the office of origin – in this case the core members located in New Haven.

Prior to engagement, we recommend meeting with Eversource to fully understand the scope and breadth of work anticipated in the coming year along with any specific needs identified for Eversource.

(2) Each bidder should also provide an estimate of the total hours required to complete the Bidder's Allocated Share Of The Rate Case Work (which is defined in subsection (B) above as 75% of the legal work for this rate case), assuming a fully-litigated rate proceeding that includes extensive evidentiary hearings.

Eversource's CL&P 2026 rate case will be its first since 2018. Since it is the most anticipated rate proceeding in Connecticut recent memory, we expect that it will be highly contested. Based on our recent experience with fully litigated rate proceedings before PURA, which will include extensive discovery and many weeks of evidentiary hearings, we propose the following budget:

[redacted] **Pre-Filing:** Preparation and filing of all application material, including exhibits, pre-filed testimony, and motions, implementation of all necessary redactions.

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[redacted] **Discovery:** Discovery and Rebuttal Testimony, including review of all interrogatory responses, exhibits, motions for protective order and supporting affidavits

[redacted] **Hearings & Briefing:** Representation of company witnesses at hearings, preparation of witnesses, cross examination of intervenor expert witnesses, preparation of brief and reply brief

[redacted] **Post-Draft Decision:** Analysis of Proposed Final Decision, preparation of Written Exceptions, representation of company at Oral Arguments, analysis of final Decision

[redacted] Total Estimated budget

The foregoing estimated budget and project milestones are aligned with recent fully litigated rate proceedings before PURA [redacted]

(3) The Company requests that each bidder include a specific proposal for controlling rate case expense for legal services.

We are extremely mindful of the need for efficient and quality legal services and believe that our breadth and depth of knowledge will reduce your overall legal fees while improving the quality and expediency of the provision thereof. Moreover, our team's extensive experience in PURA regulatory proceedings will provide natural efficiencies, which are already assumed in our cost proposal. In an effort control rate case expenses for legal services, we suggest monthly budget meetings between the lead counsel from the firm and Eversource to review the proposed budget to actual incurred legal expenses, and expected upcoming milestones, workplans and expenditures. These meetings will allow the firm and Eversource to better track progress against budget and to make real time adjustments to work assignments and approach as the case unfolds.

(4) Each bidder should submit a budget for reimbursable expenses, including travel-related expenses, consistent with the "Eversource Energy Legal Department Guidelines and Billing Requirements for Outside Counsel," included as Attachment A. This should include the charges for duplication or photocopying associated with the production of case materials. Note that it is expected that disbursements will be charged at the firm's actual out-of-pocket cost, without mark-up.

Costs and Disbursements

In addition to the firm's fees for rendering professional services, the firm will bill Eversource for costs and disbursements consistent with the Eversource Guidelines and Billing Requirements.

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Based on our experience, *budget for reimbursable expenses for fully litigated rate proceedings in front of Connecticut PURA, would be approximately $45,000 to $50,000.*

Each firm is encouraged, but not required, to propose any alternative fee structure deemed appropriate as a supplement to the fees requested above.

Harris Beach Murtha is open to discuss an alternative fee arrangement.

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6 Additional Information

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INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT

Harris Beach Murtha cultivates an inclusive workplace where all contributions are respected, empowering our diverse workforce, fostering innovative approaches and enhancing our services. Our mission is to excel as a leading multicultural law firm that reflects and builds upon the growing diversity of the communities and clients we serve.

Harris Beach Murtha believes inclusion and engagement benefits our employees, organization, work, clients and communities. We empower our employees to be authentic in their lives and work.

By prioritizing diverse perspectives and experiences, our firm is better equipped to deliver innovative solutions and superior customer service.

For decades, our professionals have served as champions of inclusion and diversity within the firm, the legal profession and our communities.

Statistics



INSURANCE

Insurance certificate is included as **Appendix B** with this Proposal.

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7 Conclusion

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CONCLUSION

Our success and consistent growth stems from our commitment to offer the finest legal services in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to align our professional endeavors with your legal objectives. Harris Beach Murtha does not simply provide legal services; we partner with our clients, working as team members to help them meet their mission and goals. We fully believe that we achieve our most significant successes when we develop true partnerships with our clients. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to present our qualifications to Eversource and look forward to hearing from you.

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Our Vision

As an entrepreneurial and solutions focused firm with partners who have walked the walk in business and public service, we do not take "no" for an answer to provide to our clients. We firmly believe there is always a path to achieve our clients' goals. As such, we not only leverage the collective knowledge of our colleagues but their business, governmental and other professional relationships to facilitate our clients' visions and resolve complex challenges. Thus, our Firm Vision Statement is ***Client Solutions that Exceed Expectations***. This is our slogan AND how we practice for the benefit of our clients. We:

Operate as a Team.

We value the unique skills of everyone at Harris Beach Murtha and strategically leverage our broad knowledge base to build dedicated, interdisciplinary, problem-solving teams that are greater than the sum of their parts. Bringing our best team thinking allows us to understand and anticipate your challenges and provide breakthrough solutions.

Bill Judiciously.

Our attorneys make themselves available for telephone and individual conferences and meetings whenever issues arise. We will not have two attorneys work on a file when only one is needed. We will focus our efforts and will also provide you very practical advice. Your priorities and goals are our priorities and goals; you will see that reflected in our work.

Endeavor to Ensure Value to Clients.

Applied ingenuity is the impetus of our success at Harris Beach Murtha. We value and reward creativity and innovations and provide our professionals with an entrepreneurial yet collegial atmosphere where we take our work, but not necessarily ourselves, seriously. This environment gives rise to the free flow of ideas which we transform into forward thinking client solutions.

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AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Business Litigation
Energy
Government Compliance and Investigations

EDUCATION

JD, *cum laude*, Quinnipiac University School of Law

BS, Eastern Connecticut State University

ADMISSIONS

Connecticut; Massachusetts; U.S. District Court, Connecticut

As an accomplished energy and utility attorney, Dan has developed a reputation for immersing himself in his clients' businesses, becoming a valued advisor to C-suite members and in-house counsel. Dan is called upon, not only for his experience in developing and implementing regulatory strategies and representation in complex proceedings, but also to provide thoughtful and practical advice addressing the legal and business issues that impact his clients' day-to-day operations and long-term success.

Dan represents energy and utility clients in a broad range of legal issues, including regulatory proceedings, such as electric and gas rate cases, storm investigations, change-of-control proceedings, siting, energy storage, distributed generation facilities, performance-based rates, zero emission vehicle infrastructure and emerging grid-mod and non-wire alternative technologies. Dan has extensive experience negotiating energy-related commercial transactions, including sophisticated purchase power agreements and interconnection agreements for zero-emission facilities, such as offshore wind and nuclear generation.

Dan is also an accomplished litigator, having tried multiple jury trials, including a telecommunication tariff case, to a successful defendant's verdict. He works across many different practice areas and with clients throughout New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and beyond.

As a business enabler, Dan's counsel is sought to achieve strategic objectives, implement legal strategies and identify and manage risk. Dan is well-versed is business-related challenges facing the energy industry, including regulatory and compliance, internal and governmental investigations, media and corporate communications and local and statewide government relations. Dan is often called upon to help clients build and foster constructive relationships with external stakeholders, including direct and ongoing interaction with community,

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municipal and legislative leaders. Dan has extensive experience testifying before legislative and state public utility commissions, as well as media appearances, on a variety of utility-related topics. He is a frequent speaker on energy-related topics at local, national and international events.

Immediately prior to joining the firm, Dan served as the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Avangrid, Inc., during which he led the state regulatory organization for Connecticut and Massachusetts-based utilities. In that role, Dan established himself as an executive business partner with a proven ability to lead and deliver results through a collaborative leadership style. Dan has also held senior legal positions at Avangrid and Eversource Energy. Before launching his energy career, Dan was a litigation associate in a Connecticut-based law firm and served as a law clerk at the Connecticut Appellate Court. Dan also sits on the board of directors of a start-up venture seeking to deploy artificial intelligence applications within the utility regulatory space.

Dan holds National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Rate School certification from Michigan State University's Institute of Public Utilities and holds a certificate in leadership and management from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dan graduated from Quinnipiac University School of Law where he was a member and an associate editor of the Quinnipiac Law Review.

PROFESSIONAL + COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **Connecticut Power & Energy Society,** member of Board of Directors
- **Operation Fuel, Inc.,** chairman of Board of Directors, 2011-2014; chairman of Finance Committee, 2011-2014; vice-chairman, Board of Directors, 2010-2011; co chairman of Executive Director Search Committee, 2016
- **U.S. Golf Association,** U.S. Senior Women's Open, Disabled Services Committee, chairman, 2020-2021
- **Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.,** volunteer counsel, 2009-2020
- **Alumni Association of Eastern Connecticut State University,** president of the Board of Directors, 2008-2010

RECOGNITION

- **Hartford Business Journal,** 40 Under 40, 2010
- **Boy Scouts of America,** Eagle Scout, 1990

RECENT PUBLICATIONS + SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Shaping Connecticut's Future: Innovation & Energy," Rebellion Group CT Event Series, panelist – 11/14/2025

Dan Canavan Moderating Session During 2025 Politics & Policy Forum: The Business of Energy – 11/13/2025

"Face the Facts: Electric Rates in Connecticut," NBC Universal Media, panelist – 08/25/2025

Partner Daniel R. Canavan Featured in Connecticut Law Tribune – 06/12/2025

Daniel R. Canavan Quoted in Law360 Story About Joining Harris Beach Murtha – 05/30/2025

Hartford Business Journal Interviews Energy Partner Daniel Canavan on Joining Firm – 05/27/2025

Top Northeast Energy Executive Joins Harris Beach Murtha; Deepens Bench of Experienced Energy Attorneys – 05/27/2025

"Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Customer Experience Through Grid Modernization," West Monroe Webinar Series, panelist – 05/14/2025

"Careers in Energy," University of Connecticut School of Law, panelist – 04/01/2025

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"Future of Gas in Connecticut," Connecticut Power & Energy Society Fall Conference, panelist – 10/30/2024

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AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

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Energy
Environmental
Municipalities and Local Agencies

EDUCATION

JD, Case Western Reserve University

LLM in Environmental Law, Pace University School of Law

BA in Government / Law, Lafayette College

ADMISSIONS

New York; Connecticut

Bruce's practice includes energy, public utility, environmental and infrastructure law including litigation, transactional and regulatory representation and counseling.

Bruce assists with state and federal environmental compliance and enforcement proceedings and counsels clients on energy and environmental issues in corporate M&A transactions, including acquisitions and divestitures of power plants. He is also experienced in renewable energy project development.

His recent energy experience includes negotiating and structuring all legal aspects of several electric power generation projects from the conceptual stage through completion, including review of energy purchase agreements involving a microgrid project.

Bruce's experience on environmental matters includes transactional due diligence and contractual matters, environmental compliance, enforcement and advising on remediation and redevelopment of contaminated properties.

PROFESSIONAL + COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **The Northeast Energy and Commerce Association (NECA)**, Board of Directors
- **American Bar Association**
  - Energy & Natural Resources Section

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- Infrastructure and Regulated Industries Section, Renewable Energy Committee Chair

- **Connecticut Bar Association**
  - Public Utility Law Section
  - Environmental Law Section
- **New York State Bar Association**
- **Connecticut Appleseed**, Board Member
- **Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce**, Past Member
- **ArtSpace New Haven**, Past Member
- **The Greater New Haven Leadership Center**, Advisory Board Past Member
- **Horizons at The Foote School**, Board Member
- **Governor Rell's Permitting Task Force**, Member

RECOGNITION

- Listed as a leading Energy & Natural Resources attorney in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business,* 2025
- Holds an AV Preeminent® Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™
- ***Best Lawyers,*** Energy Law, since 2011
- ***Best Lawyers,*** Utilities Law, since 2025
- James W. Cooper Life Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation

RECENT PUBLICATIONS + SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

More Than 100 Harris Beach Murtha Lawyers Recognized as 2026 Best Lawyers® Award Recipients; 11 Earn "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition – 08/21/2025

Chambers USA 2025 Rankings Recognize 18 Harris Beach Murtha Attorneys and Nine Practice Areas – 06/05/2025

41 Murtha Cullina Attorneys Receive Best Lawyers in America® Recognitions – 08/15/2024

Bruce McDermott to Participate in Webinar for Connecticut Power and Energy Society – 07/24/2024

"Changes at the CT Siting Council: What You Need to Know About Recent Legislation," Connecticut Power and Energy Society Webinar – 07/01/2024

Jodie Driscoll Honored by Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce with Alumnus of the Leadership Center Award – 04/04/2024

Partner Jodie Driscoll Elected as Managing Partner of Murtha Cullina's New Haven Office – 01/24/2024

38 Murtha Cullina Attorneys Receive Best Lawyers in America® Recognitions – 08/17/2023

40 Murtha Cullina Attorneys Receive "Best Lawyers in America" Recognition – 08/19/2021

48 Murtha Cullina Attorneys Receive "Best Lawyers in America" Recognition – 08/20/2020

"Implications of Customer Service," Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association and Connecticut Water Works Association Annual Joint Conference – 05/01/2018

"What It Takes To Power-up A Successful Renewable Energy Project at Your Company," Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce – 05/01/2017

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AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Appellate
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EDUCATION

JD, *summa cum laude*, Albany Law School

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ADMISSIONS

New York; U.S. District Court, New York - Eastern District; U.S. District Court, New York - Northern District; U.S. District Court, New York - Southern District

Aubrey focuses her practice in the areas of energy law and appellate practice. As a member of the Firm's Energy Industry Team, Aubrey advises clients on regulatory matters before the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC). Aubrey's regulatory practice before the PSC includes representing transmission developers in securing Certificates of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law (PSL), gas and electric corporations seeking to transfer or lease regulated assets and secure Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), utilities in rate case proceedings, and corporate entities and real estate developers seeking to obtain approval to submeter electricity within multi-family residential buildings.

Aubrey is very familiar with the New York State Independent System Operator's (NYISO) Public Policy Transmission Planning Process due to her representation of a developer that was selected to satisfy an identified Public Policy Transmission Need (PPTN). She also represented a nuclear decommissioning company in securing PSC approval for the first transfer of a retired nuclear-powered electric generation facility in New York. Aubrey's practice also includes representing renewable energy developers as they seek to secure renewable energy credits from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Aubrey also regularly assists the Firm's energy clients in civil litigation actions and Article 78 proceedings before trial courts.

Aubrey also focuses her practice on appeals, with a concentration on commercial transactions, contractual issues, and insurance matters before all four Appellate Divisions and the New York Court of Appeals. In this role, Aubrey is familiar with the appellate process and can advise clients on whether an appeal should be taken and identify appellate issues. Aubrey also composes motions for leave to appeal, drafts appellate briefs, and prepares for and delivers oral arguments.

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successfully represented a transmission developer in securing a CECPN pursuant to PSL Article VII from the PSC for an approximately 55-mile upgrade of certain electric transmission infrastructure, including a new 345 kV line and switching stations.
- Successfully represented the same transmission developer in a related application to the PSC for a CECPN pursuant to PSL Article VII for an approximately 12-mile upgrade of certain electric transmission infrastructure, including a new 115 kV line and rebuilt substation.
- Represents a transmission developer seeking to satisfy an identified PPTN in an ongoing Public Policy Transmission Planning Process (PPTPP) at the PSC and the NYISO.
- Secured a CECPN from the PSC pursuant to PSL Article VII for an offshore wind developer for the New York portion of the electric transmission facilities necessary to interconnect an offshore wind farm that is being developed off the coast of Long Island under an Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (OREC) Agreement with NYSERDA.
- Successfully represented a nuclear decommissioning company in securing PSC approval for the first transfer of a retired nuclear-powered electric generation facility in New York.
- Represents a natural gas utility in several proceedings before the PSC, including major rate cases.
- Successfully represented the acquiror of a natural gas utility in New York after negotiating an unopposed joint proposal.
- Represents the potential acquiror of a larger water utility in New York in a pending PSL Section 89-h proceeding at the PSC.
- Successfully secured financing approvals from the PSC for electric and water corporations.
- Advises transmission owners on regulatory compliance.
- Represents the owners of multifamily residential properties located in New York City and Upstate New York as they seek approval to submeter electricity to residential tenants.
- Represents owners of submetered residential units on various regulatory issues, including compliance with the Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA).
- Advises a manufacturer of digital electricity meters for submetering/utility applications and provider of reading and billing services on various regulatory issues.
- Represents developers and building owners in negotiations with local distribution utilities to secure proper utility service to newly-constructed and existing properties.
- Secured PSC approval to transfer regulated assets, such as an electric generating facility, for several clients.
- Advised the operator of the world's longest crude oil and liquids transportation system on New York regulatory and compliance issues, including natural gas pipeline safety.
- Served on legal team that secured a PSC determination that further regulatory review under PSL Section 70 was not required before a renewable developer could acquire ownership of development plans to construct a wind electric generating facility.
- Represented a large industrial end-use customer during negotiations with the New York Power Authority regarding customer's participation in the ReCharge NY program.

PROFESSIONAL + COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **New York State Bar Association**, member
- **Northern District of New York Federal Bar Association**, member
- **Women in Communications and Energy (WICE)**, member
- **Women's Energy Network**, member
- **James P. King Mock Trial Team**, Siena College, former assistant head coach

RECOGNITION

- ***Super Lawyers:*** *Rising Stars*, Energy & Natural Resources, since 2018

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS + SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

36 Harris Beach Murtha Attorneys Selected to 2025 Upstate New York Super Lawyers® and Super Lawyers: Rising Stars® Lists – 09/29/2025

30 Harris Beach Attorneys Named in 2024 Upstate New York Super Lawyers Edition – 08/22/2024

Harris Beach Attorneys Comment on What to Expect in the Energy Industry in 2024 – 01/10/2024

Milestone New York Transco Energy Transmission Project Now in Service – 08/17/2023

Harris Beach Client NY Transco Selected for Energy Transmission Solution – 06/22/2023

Reinforcing the Importance of Clean Energy Transmission in New York – 01/17/2023

Public Service Commission Approves Sunrise Wind New York Cable Project – 11/18/2022

Energy Industry Team Partner Aubrey Ohanian Named to City & State Albany 40 Under 40 – 07/19/2022

Harris Beach to Sponsor National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Annual Winter Policy Summit – 02/13/2022

72 Attorneys from Harris Beach Recognized in 2021 Edition of Super Lawyers – 10/15/2021

Bill Flynn NYSERDA Webinar Recording – Learning from the Experts: Article VII Permitting Process for Offshore Wind – 04/28/2021

Publication: Article VII Permitting Process for Offshore Wind (NYSERDA) – 04/28/2021

New York Finalizes Regulations for Renewable Energy Project Review – 03/04/2021

Energy Group Spotlights Aubrey Ohanian – 05/05/2020

79 Attorneys from Harris Beach Named to 2019 Super Lawyers List – 11/12/2019

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AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Commercial Real Estate
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EDUCATION

BS, *Chemical Engineering*, Lafayette College

JD, University of Connecticut Law School

ADMISSIONS

Connecticut; Florida; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Since joining Harris Beach Murtha in 2021, Raquel has worked with a variety of individuals and companies in the energy and public utility sectors on matters related to permitting, compliance and commercial transactions. She also completed a short-term assignment in the offices of one of the firm's clients where she assisted their in-house legal department with energy and corporate matters. Raquel's practice includes monitoring and updating clients on regulatory agency actions; preparing applications, motions and filings for agency proceedings; researching statutory and regulatory requirements related to proposed projects; and preparing agreements for corporate transactions.

Raquel spent more than 10 years working on permitting and regulatory matters for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. That experience, which provided insight into what regulatory bodies look for when determining compliance, allows her to provide strategic counsel on issues her clients face. Her position with the state also offered the opportunity to work with different industries and learn about the various technologies and processes employed in their operations.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Monitored Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and Connecticut Siting Council proceedings for an energy company and drafted filings for proceedings involving the client.
- Advised an energy company in the preparation of bids for renewable energy solicitation programs, applications with the Connecticut Siting Council and filings for PURA proceedings.
- Prepared motions and related filings for a utility company's PURA proceedings.

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Raquel Herrera-Soto
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- Researched statutory regulatory requirements related to a public utility's Connecticut Siting Council applications for electronic transmission projects.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS + SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Murtha Cullina Attorneys and Appellate Practice Group Receive 2022 Connecticut Legal Awards – 04/29/2022

Murtha Cullina Welcomes New Associates in Litigation and Regulatory Departments – 05/14/2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

CONFIRMATION OF INSURANCE

We hereby confirm that Harris Beach Murtha Cullina PLLC has Professional Liability Coverage under Policy LPL-2017-2024 with limits of liability not less than $5,000,000 per claim and $5,000,000 in the aggregate with the right, under stated conditions, to purchase extended reporting rights upon termination of such Policy by ALAS.

The Policy effective date is from December 31, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

Such Policy is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions stated therein.

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