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July 30, 2026

PURA

Ussawin Robin Bumpen

Executive Aide to the Chair and Vice Chair, and PURA Hearings Coordinator

Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

From:

St Vincent de Paul Middletown, Inc.

Re: Single Meter Exception for St Vincent Commons Project

Docket number 26-07-02

Dear Ussawin Robin Bumpen:

Thank you for responding to my inquiry of timing for a decision from PURA on our single meter exception docket for our new construction of St Vincent's Commons.

The project is fully funded through CTDOH and HUD funding, as well as OPM Non-Profit Grant Program. Construction began in December 2025, and completion of construction is currently scheduled for early March of 2027.

In March 2026, we discovered the single meter design to the building, which Eversource has approved, needed to go to PURA for an exception due to having 16 efficiency units for supporting housing of homeless individuals who meet a HUD homeless criterion. All 16 units will have no electric or heating bill, these costs are included in the rent.

Initially, Eversource had us apply for an electronic submeter application to PURA, which we did and submitted. Upon review by PURA it was recommended that this was not the right application and had a letter sent by our Architect, Sean Donadio, requesting a meter exception as a single meter to the building. This is now on a docket for review and hopefully approval.

Our urgency to seek approval for a single meter is due to our not being able to order the switchgear until this decision is made and switchgear lead time is over 30 weeks once an order is placed. This would put the completion of the project 7 months past scheduled construction completion and holds up other trades as well.

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While I understand the PURA process and timing, I am seeking a decision as quickly as possible by PURA on this matter. Given we have both CTDOH and HUD and OPM funding, we have funding guidelines to meet with construction completion deadlines attached to the funding sources.

St Vincent's Commons is a high-priority project for the City of Middletown and for the services our agency will provide, inclusive of a cold weather shelter, expanded essential services for the homeless and housing 16 individuals from the MMWCAN homeless State DOH network.

I would appreciate any way if a decision could be made soon to keep the project on track.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any further information.

Thank you for your service to the State of Connecticut!

Maryellen M. Shuckerow, MHSA

Best regards,

Maryellen M. Shuckerow, MHSA

Executive Director