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PETITION OF THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR PURA REVIEW OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	:	**DOCKET NO. 26-07-XX**
	:	**JULY 21, 2026**

APPLICATION OF THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY FOR PURA REVIEW OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("CL&P" or the "Company") submits this Application to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") for review and approval of CL&P's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Implementation Plan ("AMI Implementation Plan"), including the requisite benefit-cost analysis. This Application is filed consistent with §§ 16-243w, of the Connecticut General Statutes ("Conn. Gen. Stat.") and pursuant to §§ 16-1-46 and 16-1-134 *et seq.* of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("R.C.S.A.").

Specifically, CL&P is requesting that PURA conduct an uncontested proceeding to undertake the following examinations: (1) review the benefit cost analysis submitted herewith and find that it provides a reasonable benchmark for adoption of the accelerated implementation plan; and (2) review and approve the proposed AMI Implementation Plan in order to allow for the accelerated installation of AMI throughout the Company's service territory over a six-year period commencing January 1, 2027, using the technology solution implemented for Massachusetts and extended to Connecticut on a cost-effective basis. The Company is respectfully requesting that PURA conduct its examination and issue a determination no later than mid November 2026, to enable the Company to work with its existing technology vendors to negotiate pricing for primary

technology elements selected under the competitive solicitation process. The willingness of the Company's vendors to extend favorable pricing is, in part, a function of their awareness of the regulatory framework and the certainty that the Company has in proceeding forward with the accelerated implementation.

Pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-1-134(a), PURA "may hold an uncontested proceeding … in response to a request, petition or application that is not a contested case for purposes of section 4-166 of the Connecticut General Statutes." Section § 16-1-134 provides that PURA may conduct an elective hearing in its sole discretion. Further, pursuant to R.C.S.A. § 16-1-136, PURA retains control over other procedural steps it may desire in the uncontested proceeding.

I. STATEMENT OF APPLICATION

A. Overview

The Company is proposing to commence AMI deployment on an accelerated basis leveraging existing technology solutions deployed in Massachusetts as a result of joint competitive solicitations for Massachusetts and Connecticut. The Company's AMI Implementation Plan provides a six-year implementation strategy for deployment of advanced metering technology, supporting communications infrastructure and associated operational systems.

AMI implementation is an important next step for CL&P's customers and for the CL&P distribution system because the Company is experiencing the beginning stages of what it foresees as a profound technological transformation on the electric distribution system. However, in Connecticut, there are significant open policy questions around AMI implementation, particularly with respect to the preferences, perspectives and commitment of PURA and other critical stakeholders to undertake accelerated deployment with its associated benefits and burdens. To obtain a consensus, regulatory adoption of the AMI Implementation Plan, the Company seeks

PURA's review of the details of an accelerated deployment with its elevated benefits and burdens, as alternative slower paths with lower levels of benefits and burdens can likewise be undertaken. CL&P's request in this proceeding is narrowly focused on exploring the attributes of accelerated AMI implementation, as configured in the AMI Implementation Plan, and obtaining regulatory approval for the AMI Implementation Plan on the basis of the costs and benefits flowing therefrom.

The Company is not seeking determinations in this docket regarding the appropriate ratemaking framework to support accelerated AMI implementation, as envisioned in the proposed AMI Implementation Plan. The Company has made a separate filing in Docket No. 26-05-10, *Application of The Connecticut Light and Power Company to Amend Its Rate Schedules*, filed July 14, 2026. In the rate filing, the Company has made specific requests for cost recovery to support an accelerated implementation of AMI for its customer base. The determinations that the Company is seeking in this uncontested docket are necessary to move the effort forward on a timely basis, pending PURA's issuance of a final decision in Docket No. 26-05-10. Specifically, the determinations requested of PURA in this proceeding would allow the Company to negotiate terms for deployment of AMI installations in Connecticut leveraging the technology solutions procured through the RFP conducted jointly for Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Accordingly, the Company is requesting that PURA (1) conduct a process to review the AMI Implementation Plan, including the benefit-cost analysis prepared by the Company and the technology selection; and (2) approve the AMI Implementation Plan proposal to move forward with an accelerated deployment, subject to PURA's ratemaking determinations in Docket No. 26-05-10. The Company appreciates PURA's effort to consider these issues and views it as a significant step in moving AMI implementation forward in Connecticut, for the benefit of customers.

B. Facts in Support of the Petition

The Company's demonstration that its AMI Implementation Plan is the best path forward is supported by:

1. **Testimony on Advanced Metering Infrastructure** -- (Exhibit CLP-AMI-1): Jared A. Lawrence, Senior Vice President of Customer Operations and Digital Strategy and Chief Customer Officer for ESC, and Douglas P. Horton, Senior Vice President, Regulatory and Strategic Financial Planning for ESC, present CL&P's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Implementation Plan.

2. **Advanced Metering Infrastructure Implementation Plan** -- (Exhibit CLP-AMI-2): This exhibit presents the Company's proposal for achieving an accelerated deployment of AMI.

3. **Appendix to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Implementation Plan** -- (Exhibit CLP-AMI-2, Appendix): This exhibit presents documentation associated with the competitive solicitation that Eversource conducted to select AMI technology for the benefit of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

4. **Benefit-Cost Analysis Report** -- (Exhibit CLP-AMI-3): This exhibit presents a detailed benefit-cost analysis ("BCA") prepared by West Monroe to implement AMI in Connecticut using the same technology selection utilized in Massachusetts under the six-year implementation timeline outlined in the AMI Implementation Plan.

The Company's Application is also supported by information to be provided in response to any process PURA may establish for this uncontested proceeding, including any discovery requests, supplemental testimony, hearing testimony and late-filed exhibits, as may be submitted

by the Company during the case, as well as other facts as may properly become a part of the record in this proceeding.

C. Applicant

The legal, name, address and principal place of business of the applicant in this case is as follows:

The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
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CL&P is a corporation specially chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly. CL&P provides electric distribution service within the State of Connecticut. The Company currently provides retail service to customers in 157 towns, serving approximately 1.3 million customers. The Company is an operating subsidiary of Eversource Energy. Eversource Energy owns all the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company. The common shares of Eversource Energy are publicly held and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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II. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

For the reasons set forth above, CL&P requests that PURA conduct an uncontested proceeding to reach the following conclusions:

1. That the benefit cost analysis submitted for the purposes of this proceeding establishes a reasonable benchmark for adoption of the accelerated implementation plan; and

2. That the proposed AMI Implementation Plan, allowing for the accelerated installation of AMI throughout the Company's service territory over a six-year period commencing January 1, 2027, using the technology solution implemented for Massachusetts and extended to Connecticut, is reasonable and in the public interest, and is therefore, approved.

Dated this 21st day of July 2026.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that on July 21, 2026, the foregoing document was filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and copies of the foregoing document were served upon each person designated on the PURA's official service list in this proceeding in accordance with R.C.S.A. § 16-1-15.

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