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Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Re: **Docket No. 26-07-08 Petition of the Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy for PURA review of advanced metering infrastructure implementation plan**

Dear Commissioners,

The Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") is a party to the above-captioned docket. To carry out its responsibilities under § 16-2a of the Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS"), OCC has determined that it is necessary and desirable to retain one or more consultants in the subject proceeding.

With these consultants, OCC intends to supplement its existing staff expertise in this case. We have determined that the services of consultants are necessary and desirable to assist with matters within the scope of this docket.

At this time, OCC cannot anticipate the total cost for its consultants in these rate cases. However, the expenses for these services will comply with the statutory limitations set forth in CGS § 16-18a. While OCC does not anticipate that the consulting expenditures will exceed the statutory limits, as provided in this statute, if OCC determines that its consulting expenditures may exceed the initial dollar limits given there, it will so inform PURA and present the justification for such supplementary funding.

By this letter, pursuant to CGS § 16-18a, OCC asks the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA" or "Authority") to allow participants in this docket the statutory opportunity to comment on OCC's decision to retain such consultant or consultants.

The Authority's prompt attention to this matter is requested.

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