STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

ANNUAL SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PROGRAM REVIEW- YEAR 8	:	DOCKET NO. 26-08-04
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	:	September 14, 2026

WRITTEN COMMENTS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S
BUREAU OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("DEEP") Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy ("BETP") respectfully submits these written comments in response to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's (the "Authority" or "PURA") Notice of Request for Written Comments ("Request") issued on August 25, 2026, in the above-captioned docket. DEEP appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments.

I. WRITTEN COMMENTS

A. Budget Reallocation

DEEP supports the reallocation of the total Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF) program budget using the typical 80/20 revenue-based allocation method. In Year 7, United Illuminating did not receive enough bids to be able to spend their $5,709,864.63 budget.[1] United Illuminating

[1] United Illuminating, Compliance Order Nos. 9 and 10, Attachment C, Docket No. 25-08-04, *Annual Review of Statewide Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Requirements – Year 7* (Jun. 18, 2026).

is accepting bids in a Year 7 Round 2 procurement until today, September 14, 2026, because the initially selected bids used less than half of their budget allotment.[2]

In contrast, Eversource received many more eligible bids than they could accept with their $9,864,750.81 budget. Eversource had an additional $3,082,758.17 available from previously selected projects that were terminated, meaning they were able to select projects in Year 7 with a total budget of $12,947,508.98, and eligible projects still remained in the queue.[3] Therefore, reallocating the $15,574,645.44 to give $12,459,716.35 to Eversource and $3,114,929.09 to United Illuminating would have a similar result as the Year 7 Round 1 SCEF solicitation.

As an aside, in the August 25, 2026, Notice of Request for Written Comments, the Authority states that fuel cells are no longer eligible for the SCEF program as a result of Public Act 25-173. DEEP requests clarification because it is DEEP's understanding that fuel cells powered with green hydrogen, and therefore emitting no pollutants, are eligible for the SCEF program in its final year.

B. Procurement Price Cap, Bid Preferences, and Proposed Programmatic Changes

DEEP relies upon its procurement price cap, bid preferences, and proposed programmatic changes that were filed in DEEP's recommendations on September 1, 2026.[4]

C. CONCLUSION

[2] Year 7 Round 2 Request for Proposals available at: https://www.uinet.com/suppliers_and_partners/power_procurement/rfp-for-scef
[3] Eversource, Compliance Order Nos. 9 and 10, Attachment C, Docket No. 25-08-04, *Annual Review of Statewide Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Requirements – Year 7* (May 15, 2026).
[4] DEEP, Compliance Filing Order No. 15, Docket No. 26-08-04, *Annual Review of Statewide Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Requirements – Year 8* (Sep. 1, 2026).

DEEP thanks the Authority for the opportunity to provide these comments and appreciates the Authority's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the service list in compliance with Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-1-15.

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