STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 26-08-04
ANNUAL SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PROGRAM REVIEW – YEAR 8

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) initiated this proceeding to conduct an annual review of the Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF) Program and to consider any modifications for the upcoming Year 8 Procurement. By September 1 of each year, the electric distribution companies (EDCs) are required to jointly file with the Authority the current SCEF Program Manual and all Request for Proposal documents and to propose modifications "that will allow the SCEF Program to better meet the Program Objectives." Decision, Dec. 7, 2022, Docket No. 22- 08-04, Annual Review of Statewide Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Requirements – Year 4, p. 31. By the same September 1 deadline, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) also submits its proposed Procurement Price Cap and Bid Preferences to the Authority, and any proposed changes to the SCEF Program Manual. Id.

Accordingly, the Authority will review the EDCs' and DEEP's proposals and consider any modifications to the procurement process and associated documents for Year 8 of the SCEF Program. The Authority may also review customer enrollment implementation and may include additional relevant topics at its discretion. The Authority is conducting this uncontested proceeding pursuant to General Statutes §§ 16-19e and 16-244.

Additional information is available at the Authority's website, http://www.ct.gov/pura/, regarding the procedural practices of the Authority. All of the filings in this docket are available on the Authority's website under the "Docket Information" link. Persons may register to receive e-mail notifications when documents are filed or issued in this docket. For assistance with any Authority online service, contact the PURA case coordinator assigned to this docket, **Ussawin "Robin" Bumpen, via email at** Ussawin.Bumpen@ct.gov.

PANEL OF COMMISSIONERS AND PRESIDING OFFICER

In accordance with General Statutes § 16-2(c), the chairperson assigns this proceeding to a panel of all appointed and qualifying commissioners—presently, Chairman Wiehl, Vice-Chairman Arconti, and Commissioners Beecher, Smith, and Cheeseman. The panel designates Commissioner Everett Smith, III, as the presiding officer.

PARTICIPANTS TO THE PROCEEDING

The Authority has designated the Company, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), and the Commissioner of DEEP, along with all other participants in Docket No. 25-08-04, as participants to this proceeding. Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-1-15 requires participants to serve a copy of each filed document to every person or entity on the service list, which is available on the Authority's website at http://www.ct.gov/pura.

ATTORNEYS

Attorneys not admitted to practice law before the Connecticut Superior Court must comply with Connecticut's *pro hac vice* procedures in order to participate in any administrative proceeding before the Authority.

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANT STATUS

Other persons seeking participant status in this proceeding must file a motion in accordance with General Statutes § 16-19pp no later than **June 1, 2026, before 4:00 p.m.**, Eastern time. Each person seeking participant status may designate up to two persons for inclusion on the service list. Others who wish to receive e-mail notifications, but do not seek official status in the matter, may register on the PURA website for an e-mail notification account at http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DPUCPublicList.NSF. Persons seeking participant status have the option to do so by completing and filing the Motion for Intervenor/Participant Status form as a motion in this docket.

APPLICATION FOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP COMPENSATION

The Authority's Stakeholder Group Compensation Program makes funds available to groups representing the interests of residential utility customers residing in an environmental justice community, residential utility customers receiving protection as hardship cases, or small business customers. To apply for stakeholder group compensation, an eligible stakeholder group must file a Notice of Intent to Apply for Stakeholder Group Compensation (Notice of Intent) and an Application for Stakeholder Group Compensation (Application) by **June 1, 2026**. Additional information about the Stakeholder Group Compensation Program, including required forms, can be found at https://portal.ct.gov/pura/public-participation/stakeholder-group-compensation-program.

The Notice of Intent must be filed as correspondence in both this docket and in **Docket No. 23-09-34**. By filing a Notice of Intent in Docket No. 23-09-34, applicants will automatically be designated as participants in Docket No. 23-09-34. The Notice of Intent must be filed before or contemporaneously with the Application. The Application must be filed as a motion in Docket No. 23-09-34. The Application must be accompanied by a Stakeholder Group Compensation Itemized Budget.

Applicants must also comply with the procedures in this Notice of Proceeding to request participant status in this docket. A motion for participant status may be filed in this docket simultaneously with the Notice of Intent. The Motion for Intervenor/Participant Status form may be used to request intervenor status in this docket.

MOTIONS

Any person seeking a procedural change or other Authority approval must file a motion with the Authority. Motions must be served on the service list for this proceeding. Motions for extension of time shall be filed in advance of the prescribed deadline and should provide sufficient time for the Authority to consider timely objections and to rule on the motion. Objections and responses to all other motions are due no later than seven (7) calendar days following Authority receipt.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF FILINGS

Unless otherwise specified, the Authority requires electronic submission of all filings, including applications and motions, using the Authority's online filing system (links and instructions at http://www.ct.gov/pura). Persons filing electronically or wishing to be listed as a contact must first create an account through the Authority's website under Docket Services (Make a Filing). Unless otherwise specified, filings are to be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on the due date.

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

The Authority operates with the strong presumption that all documents filed with it are public records subject to the right of public inspection and copying in accordance with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, General Statutes § 1-200 *et seq*. In those exceptional circumstances where a participant believes that information is confidential under law, a motion for a protective order requesting an exemption from public disclosure may be filed. The motion must provide specific legal arguments with reference to state or federal law describing with supporting facts why the information should be kept confidential. A certified affidavit supplied by a competent witness in support of the motion must be appended to the motion. **Until otherwise directed by the Authority, all confidential material must be submitted electronically by email to Jeff.Gaudiosi@ct.gov contemporaneously with the motion. The email's subject line shall state in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE." Each page of any electronic confidential information shall also contain a header "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."** The associated motion for a protective order shall be filed publicly.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

This uncontested proceeding is not subject to the legal restrictions on *ex parte* communications applicable to contested proceedings. Given the nature of this proceeding, and to facilitate the free flow of information, the Authority will not invoke or observe restrictions on *ex parte* communications related to this matter. Nevertheless, in keeping with the Authority's commitment to transparency and public accessibility to its proceedings, whenever possible, communications with the commissioners or PURA staff should (1) occur during a noticed public hearing or meeting or (2) be submitted in writing through the public case management system, with service to all parties and intervenors. Communication with the PURA case coordinator regarding scheduling or administrative matters is permitted.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION

DEEP is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint or require some other accommodation, including equipment to facilitate virtual participation, please contact the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. Any person needing an accommodation for hearing impairment may call the State of Connecticut relay number, 7-1-1. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program, or event.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, this 8th day of April, 2026.

By Direction of the Authority,



Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary