September 18, 2026

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Re: *Docket No. 26-08-04, Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review- Year 8* – DEEP Response to Question posed by PURA at September 17, 2026, technical meeting

Dear Mr. Gaudiosi:

The Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy ("BETP" or "Bureau") of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP" or "Department") respectfully submits this letter in response to a question posed by PURA staff at the technical meeting in the above-captioned docket, which took place on September 17, 2026.

Specifically, PURA posed the following question:

> **In written comments Allco and Verogy advocated for removing slope requirements from the program documents. However, the Authority already removed those requirements from Appendix B in last years' annual review decision after finding they were duplicative of DEEP's general permit. Could DEEP please respond to those comments and clarify the extent to which slope related considerations continue to be evaluated in DEEP's review of SCEF projects.**

DEEP Response:

PURA's final decision in Docket No. 25-08-04 stated:

> "The Authority therefore directs the EDCs to remove all slope-related provisions and requirements from the SCEF Program Manual and Appendix B. DEEP shall not evaluate a SCEF project's slope characteristics as part of its Appendix B review for SCEF eligibility."[1]

[1] PURA, Final Decision, Docket No. 25-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 7* (Dec. 17, 2025) at 15.

Accordingly, DEEP did not evaluate any SCEF projects' slope characteristics as part of its Appendix B review for SCEF eligibility in SCEF Year 7 and will not do so in SCEF Year 8.

Allco's comments state that "[t]he Year 7 RFP requires that no more than 10% of the project site contain slopes greater than 15%."[2] However, DEEP is unable to locate this language in the Year 7 RFP that was filed by Eversource Energy and United Illuminating as part of Motion No. 5[3] in Docket No. 25-08-04 and approved by PURA on January 7, 2026.[4]

Verogy's comments cite to DEEP's "response to CAE-3 in the subject docket."[5] DEEP has not received or responded to any interrogatories in Docket No. 26-08-04. DEEP's response to CAE-3[6] in Docket No. 25-08-04 was filed on August 15, 2025, before PURA's final decision was issued on December 17, 2025.[7] DEEP complied with PURA's ruling and has not evaluated any project's slope characteristics since the issuance of this decision.

Sincerely,

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[2] Allco, Written Comments, Docket No. 26-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 8* (Sep. 14, 2026) at 5.
[3] Eversource Energy and United Illuminating, Motion No. 5, Attachment 2 – SCEF Year 7 RFP, Docket No. 25-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 7* (Dec. 31, 2025).
[4] PURA, Motion No. 5 Ruling, Docket No. 25-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 7* (Jan. 7, 2026).
[5] Verogy, Written Comments, Docket No. 26-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 8* (Sep. 14, 2026) at 4.
[6] DEEP, Response to CAE-3, Docket No. 25-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 7* (Aug 15. 2025).
[7] PURA, Final Decision, Docket No. 25-08-04 *Annual Shared Clean Energy Facility Program Review – Year 7* (Dec. 17, 2025).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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