STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 26-08-09
ANNUAL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANY RELIABILITY AND RESILIENCE FRAMEWORK REVIEW

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

In the Decision dated August 31, 2022, in Docket No. 17-12-03RE08, PURA Investigation into Distribution System Planning of the Electric Distribution Companies – Resilience and Reliability Standards and Programs (RE08 Decision), the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA) stated that it would initiate an annual docket to review electric distribution company (EDC) plans (Plans) submitted in accordance with the reliability and resilience frameworks and approved in a general rate case. RE08 Decision, pp. 73-74.

This annual docket also includes a review of the following:

(1) EDC maintenance plans required pursuant to General Statutes § 16-32g; and
(2) EDC reliability performance required pursuant to General Statutes § 16-245y and as modified in the RE08 Decision and the January 15, 2024 Decision in Docket No. 24-08-09, Annual Electric Distribution Company Reliability and Resilience Framework Review (24-08-09 Decision).
EDC reliability performance required pursuant to General Statutes § 16-245y and as modified in the RE08 Decision and the January 15, 2024 Decision in Docket No. 24-08-09, Annual Electric Distribution Company Reliability and Resilience Framework Review (24-08-09 Decision).A review of the above-listed maintenance plans, reliability performance information, and vegetation management practices will ensure that the Authority is fully informed as to the manner of operation of the EDCs' reliability and resilience programs. Specifically, the Authority will review through the instant proceeding:

(1) The EDC reliability, performance, and power quality for 2024 as required by General Statutes § 16-245y, Order Nos. 2 and 4 of the RE08 Decision, and Order No 1 of the 24-08-09 Decision.
(2) The calendar year 2025 maintenance plans and vegetation management metrics submitted pursuant to General Statutes § 16-32g.

The Authority is conducting this uncontested proceeding pursuant to General Statutes §§ 16-11, 16-32g, 16-32k, 16-244i, and 16-245y, and the RE08 Decision to address the above issues.

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 Beecher as the presiding officer.

PARTICIPANTS TO THE PROCEEDING

The Authority has designated Eversource, UI, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), and the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP Commissioner) as Participants to this proceeding. Conn. Agencies Reg. § 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 representing a participant or otherwise appearing before the Authority shall promptly file a written notice of appearance in this docket. Attorneys not admitted to practice law before the Connecticut superior court must comply with Connecticut's *pro hac vice* procedures prior to making an appearance.

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 **July 21, 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.

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 July 21, 2026, before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time. 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.

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. of the due date.

INFORMATION PROTECTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

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 PROHIBITED

Please be advised that, even though this is an uncontested matter, the Authority strictly observes General Statutes § 4-181, which prohibits *ex parte* communication. As such, there may be no communication, direct or indirect, with Commissioners or the Authority's decisional staff on any issue of fact or law pertaining to this matter unless that communication takes place in the course of a noticed hearing or meeting, or is made in writing and submitted in the docket with copies supplied to all other designated Participants. Communication with the PURA's case coordinator regarding scheduling 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 7th day of July, 2026.

By Direction of the Authority,



Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary