# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

DOCKET NO. 26-09-16
PURA INVESTIGATION TO ADOPT REGULATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC ACT NO. 26-123

## NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

Section 2 of Public Act No. 26-123, An Act Requiring the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission to Report on the Review Process for Certain Water Companies that Request to Cease Operations, directs the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA or Authority) to adopt regulations requiring that in any proceeding conducted pursuant to General Statutes § 16-46, the Authority shall provide written instructions to inform a water company of the process whereby such company may request an expedited review of a request to cease operations. In accordance therewith, the Authority is conducting this proceeding to revise the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §§ 16-46-1 *et seq*. See General Statutes § 16-46(c), as amended by Public Act. No. 26-123, § 2; see also General Statutes § 4-168 *et seq*.

Additional information is available at the Authority's website, https://portal.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 email 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, Yanika Stewart, who can be reached via email at yanika.n.stewart@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.

## PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING

The Authority has designated the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), the Hazardville Water Company, 481 Taylor Road, Enfield, CT; the Jewett City Water Company, 481 Taylor Road, Enfield, CT 06083; the Preston Plains Water Company, 550 Trolley Line Boulevard, P.O. Box 3249, Mashantucket, CT 06338; Old Newgate Ridge Water Company, Inc., 45 Nutmeg Road South, P.O. Box 145, South Windsor, CT 06074; the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP); and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health (DPH) as participants to this proceeding. Participants must 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 https://portal.ct.gov/pura. Conn. Agencies Regs. § 16-1-15.

## ATTORNEYS

Attorneys representing a party or intervenor 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 § 4-177a, no later than November 17, 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 email notifications, but do not seek official status in the matter, may register on the PURA website, http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DPUCPublicList.NSF, for an email notification account. 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 November 17, 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 https://portal.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.

## 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 party or intervenor believes that information is exempt from public disclosure under law, a motion for a protective order may be filed. The motion must provide specific facts and legal arguments, with reference to state or federal law, explaining why the information should not be filed publicly. 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 prospective protected material must be submitted electronically by email to Jeff.Gaudiosi@ct.gov contemporaneously with the filing of a motion. The email's subject line and each page of any attached documents shall state in all capital letters "PROTECTED MATERIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."** The associated motion for a protective order shall be filed publicly.

## EX PARTE COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED

This uncontested proceeding is not subject to the legal restrictions on ex parte communications applicable to contested proceedings. Nonetheless, for this matter, the Commissioners will not engage in (and request that all participants refrain from engaging in) ex parte communications. Accordingly, communications with the commissioners or PURA staff1 should (1) occur only during a noticed public hearing or meeting or (2) be submitted in writing through the public case management system, with service to all other participants. Communication with the PURA case coordinator regarding scheduling or administrative matters is permitted.

## REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION

The Authority, which is within DEEP for administrative purposes only, 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 20th day of October, 2026.

By direction of the presiding officer,



Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary