STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PETITION OF THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 45 OF PUBLIC ACT NO. 25-173	**:**	**DOCKET NO. 26-11-XX**
	:	**NOVEMBER 13, 2026**

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Section 45 of Public Act No. 25-173, An Act Concerning Energy Affordability, Access and Accountability (the "Act"), The United Illuminating Company ("UI") submits this application to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") requesting review and approval of an agreement (the "Agreement"), entered into at the direction of direction of the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") and by and between UI and Budderfly, Inc. A confidential and redacted copy of the Agreement are attached to this application.

II. BASIS FOR UI'S APPLICATION

A. PURA Shall Approve the Agreement within 90 Days of this Application if the Agreement is Cost Effective and in the Best Interest of Ratepayers

Subsection 45(a) of the Act requires DEEP "to establish an electric active demand and gas demand response pilot program to reduce electric and gas demand and improve electric and gas grid resiliency and reliability in the state."

Subsection 45(b) of the Act states, in relevant part, that:

> *The commissioner shall seek proposals for active electric demand response, or active or passive gas demand response measures pursuant to the pilot program…. If the commissioner finds proposals received pursuant to this section to be in the best interest of electric or gas ratepayers, as applicable, the commissioner may, on behalf of the customers of electric distribution companies or gas companies, direct the electric distribution companies or gas companies to enter into contracts for active or passive demand response measures that result in electric or gas savings, provided the benefits of such contracts to customers of electric distribution companies or gas companies outweigh the costs to such companies' customers...*

Subsection 45(c) of the Act states:

> *Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be subject to review and approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. The electric distribution company or gas company, as applicable, shall file an application for the approval of any such agreement with the authority. The authority shall approve such agreement if it is cost effective and in the best interest of electric or gas ratepayers. The authority shall issue a decision not later than ninety days after such filing. If the authority does not issue a decision within ninety days after such filing, the agreement shall be deemed approved. The net costs of any such agreement, including reasonable costs incurred by the gas company under the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through the conservation adjustment mechanism established pursuant to section 16-245m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and reasonable costs incurred by the electric distribution company under the agreement shall be recovered on a timely basis through the nonbypassable federally mandated congestion charge, as defined in subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.*

Pursuant to the Act, in an instance where DEEP has found that proposals received for the pilot program are in the best interest of ratepayers, DEEP may direct UI to enter into contracts for active or passive demand response measures that result in electric or gas savings, provided that the benefits of such contracts to customers of electric distribution companies or gas companies outweigh the costs to such companies' customers.

Where DEEP has directed UI to enter into such a contract, the Act further requires UI to file an application with PURA for review and approval of the contract.

B. The Agreement Satisfies the Requirements of Section 45 Necessary for Approval

On March 23, 2026, DEEP "announced the provisional selection of proposals under the first round of its Expanded Efficiency and Affordability Request for Proposals (RFP), a competitive process launched following new legislative authority enacted in 2025. This authority enables DEEP to procure energy efficiency and active demand response measures on behalf of ratepayers, supplementing Connecticut's successful existing programs and delivering additional opportunities for customers to reduce their energy bills." See, Press Release, Conn. Dep't of

Energy & Env't Prot., DEEP Selects Proposals to Help Lower Electric Bills Under Novel Efficiency RFP (March 23, 2026), https://portal.ct.gov/deep/news-releases/news-releases---2026/deep-selects-proposals-to-help-lower-electric-bills-under-novel-efficiency-rfp.

Pursuant to its selections, DEEP has directed UI to contract with Budderfly, Inc to deliver passive and active demand response savings. Savings from passive demand response are projected to be 500 MWh annually and total 5,000 MWh over the 10-year term of the agreement. Savings from active demand response measures are projected to be 25KW annually.

As the requisite conditions of cost effectiveness and ratepayer benefit set forth in Section 45(c) of the Act are satisfied, UI requests PURA's review and approval of the Agreement.

III. CONCLUSION

UI requests PURA's review and approval of the Agreement. UI respectfully notes that the Act treats a failure to issue a decision within 90 days of this application as approval of the Agreement. If approved, in accordance with Section 45(c) of the Act, the net costs of the Agreement, including reasonable costs incurred by UI, shall be recovered on a timely basis through the nonbypassable federally mandated congestion charge.

Respectfully submitted,

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