

May 16, 2022

To members of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board:

On May 11, 2022, Brenda Watson submitted a letter to the Executive Secretary of the Energy Efficiency Board announcing her intention to step down from the Board, effectively immediately. Brenda was appointed to the Board to represent residential customers, as described in Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-245m(3)(c). For the past two-and-a-half years, she has made invaluable contributions to the Board, drawing on her experience as Executive Director for Operation Fuel, and assured that our energy efficiency programs served the needs of all Connecticut residents. DEEP is sincerely appreciative of Brenda's tireless work and service to the Board, including its Residential Committee and Joint Committee with the Connecticut Green Bank.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-245m(3)(c), the DEEP Commissioner is responsible for appointing members to the Board to represent a variety of interests as defined by the statute. The Board's [Operating Procedures](#) state that, "The Commissioner will seek to make appointments to the Board within 60 days of the Commissioner's notice that the position is available for appointment or within 60 days of a Board member position vacancy, whichever occurs first."

Accordingly, DEEP will begin a process to appoint a new Board member representing residential customers. This will include an open call for applications and nominations of qualified individuals who possess the requisite expertise to serve in this capacity. DEEP will issue a Notice of Vacancies and Request for Applications shortly and will notify the Board when this process begins. In accordance with the Operating Procedures, DEEP welcomes input from Board members on the appointment qualifications, process for appointment, and potential candidates for appointment.

Once again, we would like to extend our gratitude to Brenda for her commitment and service. While she will certainly be missed on the Board, we look forward to working with all of you to bring on a new residential representative.

Thank you,



Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection