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## 2020 Update of the Connecticut Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management Plan for 2019-2021

## Approval and Determination of 2020 Plan Update

Via Electronic Mail

February 11, 2020

Christopher Bernard Manager - Regulatory Policy & Strategy, CT As Agent for CL&P and Yankee Gas d/b/a Eversource Energy 107 Selden Street Berlin CT 06037

Re:

2020 Update of Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund's Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management Plan for 2019 through 2021, submitted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-245m (d)

Dear Mr. Bernard:

On November 1, 2019, the Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) received the 2020 Annual Update [2020 Update] of the 2019-2021 Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) Plan (Plan). This Plan was submitted by The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P") doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource"), Yankee Gas Services Company ("Yankee Gas") doing business as Eversource Energy, and UIL Holdings Corporation on behalf of The United Illuminating Company ("UI"), The Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation ("CNG"), and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company ("SCG"), (collectively the "Companies") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 16-245m(d), in consultation with the Connecticut Energy Conservation and Management Board [aka Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board, or "the Board"].

On October 11, 2019, the Board voted to approve the 2020 Update. On December 12, 2019, DEEP held a public informational meeting providing the opportunity for public comment on the 2020 Update. There was a robust discussion at the public meeting on several topics. DEEP requested that the Companies (and public) submit information to help guide DEEP's approval of the 2020 Update.

On December 16, 2019, DEEP approved the Plan subject to conditions to be provided at a future date. DEEP approved the total budget of the Plan and made the determination that, pursuant to Section 9 of Public Act 18-50, An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future, six mills per kilowatt hour of electricity sold and four and six-tenth cents per hundred cubic feet are required to fully fund the Plan.

On December 31, 2020, DEEP issued a request for Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment with comments due by January 15, 2020. DEEP received comments from the Companies and other interested parties.

On February 4, 2020, DEEP approved the change of the HES Co-pay to \$75 as requested by the Companies and discussed in the public review process.

DEEP has completed its review of the 2020 Update and concludes some further refinement of the Plan is important and necessary. Consequently, the Connecticut 2020 Update of the 2019-2021 Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management Plan and its associated Connecticut Program Savings Document, 12th Edition for 2020 Program Year is approved contingent on the completion of certain conditions. DEEP has included a Schedule of Compliance for Conditions of Approval, including required modifications and requirements to submit reports on certain topics, as detailed in Attachment A.

DEEP appreciates the work of the Companies and the Board to collect public input, collaborate with the CT Green Bank, and continuously improve the effectiveness of the Conservation and Load Management Plan. DEEP looks forward to continued collaboration as we collectively implement the Plan's investments in energy efficiency and demand reduction to ensure increases in Connecticut's energy savings to catalyze economic and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Michael Li Bureau Chief

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