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2013-2015 ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) gives notice that a proposed decision has been reached to approve the 2013-2015 Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management Plan (Plan), in accordance with Section 16-245m of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 13-298. The proposed plan was submitted by Connecticut's electric distribution companies and natural gas local distribution companies in collaboration with the Energy Efficiency Board (also known as the Energy Conservation Management Board). The proposed plan recommends statewide programs and budgets for implementing cost-effective energy conservation and efficiency programs and market transformation initiatives. DEEP invites public comment on the attached proposed decision to approve the 2013-2015 Electric and Natural Gas Conservation and Load Management Plan.

The proposed plan and the proposed decision are available on DEEP's website at: http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Collapse=13.2&Seq=3.

<u>Public Meeting</u>: By way of this Notice, DEEP will conduct a public meeting on September 10, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 2, at DEEP's New Britain Office, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The purpose of the public meeting is to give stakeholders an opportunity to present oral comments regarding the proposed decision.

DEEP requests that those wishing to present oral comments at the public meeting inform Debra Morrell at debra.morrell@ct.gov in advance of the public meeting.

The public meeting will be transcribed and electronically recorded. DEEP will post the electronic recording of the public meeting on the DEEP website at: http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Collapse=9&Seq=2. To acquire a copy of the transcript of the public meeting, please contact United Reporters, Inc. at (866) 534-3383 or through their website at: www.unitedreporters.com.

The public may call the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's offices, at (860) 827-1553, Option 4 (using a touch tone phone), commencing each day from 7:30 a.m., for information on weather related building closures or postponements and delays of events scheduled to be held at DEEP's New Britain Offices.

By way of this Notice, DEEP is providing a 30-day Written Comments: period during which comments on the proposed decision will be accepted. Written comments electronically may be filed on DEEP's website at: http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=4405&q=493990&deepNav_GID=2121 or submitted directly to Debra Morrell at debra.morrell@ct.gov on or before September 23, 2013, by 4:00 p.m. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to Debra Morrell at (860) 827-2688 and/or via e-mail at debra.morrell@ct.gov.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact us at (860) 418-5910 or deep.accommodations@ct.gov if you: have a disability and need a communication aid or service; have limited proficiency in English and may need information in another language; or if you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint. Any person needing a hearing accommodation may call the State of Connecticut relay number - 711. Requests for accommodations must be made at least two weeks prior to any agency hearing, program or event.

Notice filed with the Secretary of State on August 23, 2013.