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CONNECTICUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND'S CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2016-2018

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION TO APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS 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 tentative determination has been reached to approve with conditions the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund's Conservation and Load Management Plan for 2016-2018 (the Plan) that was submitted on October 1, 2015 to DEEP for the Commissioner's review. DEEP is also providing notice of a public comment period to accept written comments on the tentative determination.

Connecticut's electric distribution and gas companies [Connecticut Light and Power Company dba Eversource Energy, The United Illuminating Company, Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation, The Southern Connecticut Gas Company, and Yankee Gas Services Company dba Eversource Energy] and the Connecticut Energy Conservation Management Board (also known as the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board) submitted the Plan pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 16-245m(d). The Plan recommends statewide programs and budgets for implementing cost-effective energy conservation and efficiency programs, energy demand management, and market transformation initiatives.

The Plan and the tentative determination are available on DEEP's <u>Energy Efficiency</u> Webpage, as well as on DEEP's <u>Energy Filings Webpage</u>.

Public Meeting: By way of this Notice, DEEP will conduct a transcribed public meeting on December 18, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 1, 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 DEEP at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov in advance of the public meeting.

To acquire copies of the transcript, please contact BCT Reporting LLC at (860) 306-0329 or bctreporting1@gmail.com.

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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.

Written Comments: By way of this Notice, DEEP is providing a period during which comments on the proposed decision will be accepted. Written comments may be filed electronically on <u>DEEP's website</u> or submitted directly to DEEP at <u>DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov</u> on or before December 21, 2015 by 4:00 p.m. Requests for extensions to the public comment period may be considered if requests are received by December 21, 2015. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to Diane Duva, Director of the Office of Energy Demand, at (860) 827-2655 and/or via electronic mail at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov.

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Notice filed with the Secretary of State on December 14, 2015.