

July 26, 2017

## **COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY**

### **NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETINGS, PUBLIC MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Pursuant to Section 16a-3d of the Connecticut General Statutes (General Statutes), the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is required to prepare a Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES or Strategy) for the state every three years. Connecticut's CES examines future energy needs in the state and identifies opportunities to reduce costs for ratepayers, ensure reliable power availability, and mitigate public health and environmental impacts of Connecticut's energy use, such as greenhouse gas emissions. As envisioned by the legislature, the CES reviews and incorporates: (1) an assessment and plan for the future energy needs in the state; and (2) the findings of the Integrated Resources Plan under Section 16a-3a of the General Statutes, the Conservation and Load Management Plan under Section 16-245m of the General Statutes, the clean energy investment plan utilized by the Connecticut Green Bank under Section 16-245n of the General Statutes, and the Energy Assurance Plan, or its successor, developed pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In planning for the total future energy demand in the state, including electricity, heating, cooling, and transportation, the CES provides recommendations for legislative and administrative actions that will aid in the achievement of interrelated economic, security, reliability, and environmental policy goals.

Availability of the draft Strategy: The draft Strategy is available for review on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's ("DEEP" or "Department") [website](#). It is also available for review during normal business hours at DEEP's New Britain Office located at Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. Any person interested in reviewing the draft Strategy at DEEP's offices should send an e-mail [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov) requesting to make arrangements to view the draft Strategy.

Written Comments: DEEP has developed the draft Strategy and invites public comment on the draft Strategy. DEEP is providing a 60-day period during which comments will be accepted. All interested persons are invited to submit written comments electronically on or before **September 25, 2017, by 4:00 p.m.** Written comments can be electronically filed on the [DEEP website](#). Written comments can also be e-mailed to [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov) or sent via US Mail to Debra Morrell, DEEP's, Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. All of the written comments received on the draft Strategy will be posted on the [DEEP website](#).

**Technical Meetings:** Technical meetings will be held in Hearing Room 1, at DEEP's New Britain office, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut on **August 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. and September 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** [Directions](#) to DEEP's New Britain Office. The purpose of the technical meetings are to allow stakeholders an opportunity to present oral comments and to pose questions to DEEP staff and consultants involved in the preparation of the analytics and the findings in the draft Strategy. Participants in the technical meetings are encouraged to email any questions that they intend to ask DEEP staff three business days prior to the meeting date. Although filing questions ahead of time is not a requirement, it will help DEEP staff be more responsive and fully prepared. DEEP may schedule additional technical meetings on the draft strategy as deemed necessary. **Please RSVP and send your questions to [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov) three business days prior to the scheduled date if you plan on attending and/or participating in any of the scheduled technical meetings listed above.**

**Public Meetings:** While the Strategy proceeding is not a contested case, the Department is required to hold a least one public meeting on the draft Strategy pursuant to Chapter 54 of Connecticut General Statutes. Given the breadth of the issues contained in the draft Strategy the Department will be holding a series of public meetings in different locations around the state to encourage broad public participation. These meetings will satisfy the statutory public meeting requirement. The purpose of the public meetings is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the draft Strategy.

Public meetings on this matter will be held as follows:

- August 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Webb Hall, Room 110, Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU), Eastern Road, Willimantic, Connecticut. [Directions](#) to ECSU and ECSU [campus map](#). Webb Hall is #22 on map and public parking is in the free garages, #36 and #42 on map.
- August 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Beacon Hall Events Center, Room 214, Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut. [Directions](#) to Housatonic Community College.
- August 21, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Fort Trumbull State Park Conference Center, 90 Walbach Street, New London, Connecticut. The Conference Center is the building behind the Visitor's Center. [Directions](#) to Fort Trumbull State Park and the [park map](#).
- August 29, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium, Torrington City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 140 Main Street, Torrington, Connecticut. [Directions](#) to Torrington City Hall.

- September 6, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Gina McCarthy Auditorium, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, DEEP's Hartford Office, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut. [Directions](#) to DEEP's Hartford Office.
- September 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Jones Auditorium, Britton Building, 2nd Floor, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, Connecticut. [Directions](#) to CAES and [Map](#) of CAES grounds.

DEEP may schedule additional public meetings on the draft strategy as deemed necessary.

The technical meetings and public meetings will be transcribed. To acquire a copy of any of the transcripts, please contact BCT Reporting, LLC at (860) 306-0329 or through their website at: [www.bctreporting.com](http://www.bctreporting.com).

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