



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

February 26, 2024

In reply, please refer to:

Docket No. 19-10-41

eRegulations System Tracking

Number: PR2020-007

The Honorable Lucy Dathan, Co-Chairperson
The Honorable John A. Kissel, Co-Chairperson
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Re: Docket No. 19-10-41 – Regulations for Electric Supplier Licensing
eRegulations Tracking No. PR2020-007

Dear Senator Kissel, Representative Dathan, and Members of the Committee:

Pursuant to General Statutes § 4-170, I submit for the consideration and approval of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee (LRRC) a proposal to amend regulations concerning electric supplier licensing. On February 22, 2024, the Office of the Attorney General approved the regulations as to legal sufficiency in accordance with General Statutes § 4-169. The eRegulations system will send an electronic copy of the proposed regulation approved by the Attorney General (Proposed Regulation) and the regulatory flexibility analysis contemporaneously with this correspondence.

The purpose of the Proposed Regulation is to amend the Authority's existing regulations implementing General Statutes § 16-245. The amendments update the regulations with the current name of the agency, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (Authority or PURA), and revise regulations concerning the licensing of electric suppliers, post-licensing requirements, and security requirements. The substantive amendments are necessary and appropriate to address issues that the Authority has consistently encountered in its regulation of electric suppliers and to address changed circumstances that have arisen since the initial adoption of the regulations in 1999 and since the last amendments to the regulations in 2004 and 2005.

The Proposed Regulation changes the review cycle for electric supplier licenses from every five years to biennial. The Proposed Regulation also raises the fee for applications to become a licensed electric supplier and the fee for the periodic reviews conducted by the Authority.

In addition, the Proposed Regulation requires electric suppliers to provide additional information to PURA and the public. For licensing, electric suppliers will be required to provide information on investigations by regulatory agencies and attorneys

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general in other states. After licensing, electric suppliers will be required to provide the Authority with responses to customer inquiries or complaints, and to provide specific information on their websites, including the electric supplier's official name and trade name or names, all PURA dockets specifically pertaining to the electric supplier, customer service contact information, PURA contact information, information concerning all generally available offers, renewable products, sources of renewable energy, standard contracts, and enrollment forms, and any other information deemed necessary by the Authority.

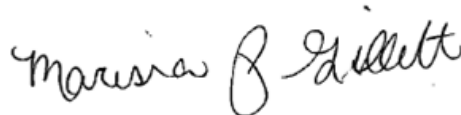
Additionally, the Proposed Regulation requires electric suppliers to follow specific rules when posting to the Rate Board, including honoring all generation rates the electric supplier has posted to the Rate Board, self-reporting all generally available offers, ensuring generally available rates are all-inclusive, and cross-posting rates that appear on the electric supplier's own website. Electric suppliers will also have to follow specific rules when posting rates to their own website. These amendments will ensure the public is receiving all pertinent information to make decisions regarding electric suppliers.

The Proposed Regulation will amend Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 16-245-1 to 16-245-4, inclusive, and § 16-245-6.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kathryn Keenan, Staff Attorney, at (860) 827-2823 or kathryn.keenan@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marissa P. Gillett".

Marissa P. Gillett, Chairman

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