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COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS
AND
NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to Section 51 of Public Act 11-80, An Act Concerning the Establishment of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Planning for Connecticut's Energy Future, and Section 22a-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection ("the Commissioner") hereby provides notice of his intent to adopt a Comprehensive Energy Plan or a Comprehensive Energy Strategy ("Strategy"). The draft Strategy will assess and provide a blueprint for Connecticut's energy needs. The major topics to be reviewed in the draft Strategy are Transportation, Energy Efficiency (Buildings and Industry), Electricity, and Cross-cutting Issues (e.g. Natural Gas). The draft Strategy will provide long term guidance on how to meet the goals of multiple State plans including: the Integrated Resources Plan, the Conservation and Load Management Plan, the Climate Change Action Plan and the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority's Comprehensive Plan. The draft Strategy will also contain recommended actions aimed at providing near-term benefits and establishing a foundation upon which to build a sustainable energy future in Connecticut. Preparation of the draft Strategy has included a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

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 at: [http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=4&Seq=1](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=4&Seq=1). 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 contact Debra Morrell at (860) 827-2688 and/or via e-mail at debra.morrell@ct.gov to make the necessary arrangements.

Written Comments: DEEP has developed the draft Strategy and invites public comment on the draft Strategy. DEEP is providing a 70-day period during which comments will be accepted. All interested persons are invited to submit written comments electronically on or before December 14, 2012, by 4:30 p.m. Written comments can be electronically filed on the DEEP website at: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=4120&q=493990>. Written comments can also be e-mail to Debra Morrell at debra.morrell@ct.gov or via US Mail to Debra

Morrell, DEEP's, Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Any questions regarding the comment process may be directed to Debra Morrell at (860) 827-2688 and/or via e-mail at the address mentioned above. All of the public comments received on the draft Strategy will be posted on the DEEP website at: [http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=4&Seq=1](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=4&Seq=1)

Technical Meetings: Technical Meetings will be held in Hearing Room 1, at DEEP's New Britain office, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut on November 14, 2012, at 10:30 AM, November 15, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., November 16, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. and will continue on November 19, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., if necessary. The Technical Meetings will continue on November 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. and November 28, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. 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 draft Strategy. Participants in the technical meetings are encouraged to email any questions that you intend to ask DEEP staff directly to Deb Morrell 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. The DEEP may continue the Technical Meeting on additional dates as deemed necessary. Please RSVP to Debra Morrell at debra.morrell@ct.gov one day prior to the scheduled date if you plan on attending and/or participating in any of the scheduled Technical Meetings listed above.

The topics to be addressed at the technical meetings are as follows:

- November 14th – Transportation
- November 15th – Electricity
- November 16th – Natural Gas
- November 19th – If necessary
- November 27th – Efficiency (Buildings)
- November 28th – Efficiency (Industry)

DEEP may issue agendas for particular Technical Meetings. Any person interested in receiving email updates about Technical Meeting agendas or schedules should contact Debra Morrell at (860) 827-2688 and/or via e-mail at debra.morrell@ct.gov. The Technical Meetings will be transcribed. To acquire a copy of the transcript of any technical meeting or hearing, please contact United Reporters, Inc. at (866) 534-3383 or through their website at: www.unitedreporters.com.

Public Hearings: While the Strategy proceeding is not a contested case, the Department is required to hold a hearing 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 hearings in different locations around the state to encourage broad public participation. These hearings will satisfy the statutory public hearing requirement. The purpose of the Public Hearings is to provide the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the draft Strategy. The Public Hearings will be recorded and a copy of the recording will be posted on the DEEP website at:

[http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/\\$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=4&Seq=1](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DEEPEnergy.nsf/$EnergyView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=30&Expand=4&Seq=1)

Public Hearings on this matter will be held as follows:

- November 9, 2012, 6:00 p.m., in Room G-2, at the Hall of Records, 200 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut.
- November 14, 2012, 6:00 p.m., in the City Common Council Chambers in Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- November 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m., in the Phoenix Auditorium, at DEEP's offices, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.
- November 20, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Room 106, at UCONN – Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, 3107 Horsebarn Hill Road, Building 4 Annex, U-4210, Storrs, Connecticut.

DEEP may schedule additional public hearings on the draft strategy. Any person interested in receiving email updates about any changes or additions to the public hearing schedule should contact 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 requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person with a disability who may need information in an alternative format may contact the agency's ADA Coordinator at (860) 424-3194, or at deep.hrmed@ct.gov. Any person with limited proficiency in English, who may need information in another language, may contact the agency's Title VI Coordinator at (860) 424-3035, or at deep.aao@ct.gov. Any person with a hearing impairment may call the State of Connecticut relay number - 711. Discrimination complaints may be filed with DEEP's Title VI Coordinator. 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 October 5, 2012.