



OCC Participates in PURA Docket No. 12-11-07 Investigating Utility Restoration Following Storm Sandy

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) is participating in the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) Docket Number 12-11-07, entitled PURA Investigation into the Performance of Connecticut's Electric Distribution Companies and Gas Companies in Restoring Service Following Storm Sandy. The purpose of this docket is to investigate the performance of the electric distribution and gas companies in restoring service following Storm Sandy, which hit the State of Connecticut on October 29, 2012. This storm had a substantial impact on the utility customers represented by the OCC, specifically with regard to loss of electricity. Through its participation in PURA Docket Number 12-11-07, the OCC will investigate how the utilities responded to Storm Sandy, especially in light of the changes to preparedness planning that developed subsequent to the two 2011 storms, Tropical Storm Irene and the late October snowstorm.

In January 2013, the OCC attended the three Public Comment Hearings in Docket Number 12-11-07 that PURA held in East Haven, Westport, and Waterford. Through its attendance, the OCC listened to the comments of ratepayers, public officials, and industry leaders. Ratepayers, public officials, and other interested parties may continue to voice their reactions to the performance of the utilities in restoring service following Storm Sandy through filing written comments in PURA Docket Number 12-11-07 via the PURA website at <http://www.ct.gov/pura/site/default.asp>. The OCC will continue its involvement in Docket Number 12-11-07 through ongoing discovery as well as participating in PURA Hearings scheduled to be held at 10 Franklin Square in New Britain on May 6 through 9, 2013.