



Office of Consumer Counsel Urges Caution When Shopping for 2013 Electric Rates

As we approach the end of 2012, Connecticut's two electric utility companies, Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) and the United Illuminating Company (UI) are preparing to implement new rates on January 1, 2013. The rates will not be finalized and approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) until late December, 2012.

Consumers who are shopping among competitive electric suppliers with the intent of getting the lowest possible rates are encouraged to be certain that they are comparing similar rates. While not final, UI estimates a residential Generation Service Charge (GSC) of 7.67¢ per Kilowatt-hour (kWh) for calendar year 2013, while CL&P is estimating residential GSC rate of 7.62¢ per kWh for the first 6 months of 2013.

To follow the proposed rates for 2013, CL&P customers can track Docket No. 13-01-01 and UI customers can follow Docket No. 13-01-02 by going to the PURA website at www.ct.gov/pura/. The rates within these proceedings should be used to compare to the GSC that is being offered by the electric suppliers for 2013.