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OCC, AG Request That DPUC Postpone Final Decision in Capacity Contracts RFP to Allow Legislature to Act

New Britain, Connecticut The Office of Consumer Counsel (“OCC”), together with Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, filed a joint motion today at the Department of Public Utility Control (“DPUC”) requesting a delay of one month for a final decision naming the winners of a request for proposals (“RFP”) for long-term electric capacity contracts in Connecticut.

The legislature is currently considering a variety of proposals that could potentially impact Connecticut’s electricity marketplace. OCC, as the state advocate for utility consumers, is concerned that the DPUC will issue a final decision sanctioning the lengthy and costly capacity contracts before the legislature concludes its work.

“OCC recognizes and appreciates the significant time and effort that the DPUC has invested in the RFP process,” Consumer Counsel Mary Healey said. As pointed out in the motion, however, a brief delay until the end of the legislative session will not prejudice any party and will allow the DPUC to give “due consideration to the most current legislative framework within which the parties will be operating.”

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