



OCC Encourages Customers of UI to Attend Public Comment Hearings in New Haven and Bridgeport Regarding Proposed Rate Hike

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) encourages the customers it represents to let their voices be heard on issues affecting them. On September 8, 2016, and September 12, 2016, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) will hold Public Comment hearings regarding the application of The United Illuminating Company (UI) for a distribution rate increase of approximately \$100 million (UI Rate Application). The September 8 hearing will be held at City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace in Bridgeport at 6:30 pm. The September 12 hearing will be held at Kennedy Mitchell Hall of Records, 200 Orange Street, Hearing Room G2, in New Haven at 6:30 pm.

OCC encourages UI's customers who are concerned about this requested rate increase to attend the public comment hearings or to submit written comments to PURA at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, or via e-mail to dpuc.executivesecretary@po.state.ct.us. Please include a reference to Docket No. 16-06-04 in any correspondence to PURA. To obtain a schedule with the dates, times and locations of all the hearings related to this docket, you may contact the Consumer Services section of PURA at 1-800-382-4586, or access PURA's website at www.ct.gov/pura and search the Active Docket Database under Docket No. 16-06-04.

UI is requesting annual rate increases of \$65.6 million in rate year 2017, an incremental \$21.1 million in 2018, and an additional \$13.4 million in 2019. This represents an increase in distribution rates of nearly 30% over the three-year period.

UI's Application also contains a rate plan that "levelizes" recovery of the revenue requirement through proposed rate increases of \$40.7 million in rate year 2017, an incremental \$47.4 million in 2018, and \$39.1 million in 2019. UI estimates its three-year "levelized" rate

plan, if approved, would increase bills by 3.94% in 2017, 4.44% in 2018 and 3.46% in 2019, if approved as requested. If UI's rate phase-in plan were approved as proposed, a typical residential customer on standard service generation who is using 700kWh per month would see their total bill rise by approximately \$9.34, from \$162.46 to \$171.80, effective January 1, 2017. Monthly bills would also increase by approximately \$9.50 per month on January 1, 2018 and by an incremental \$11.00 monthly on January 1, 2019.

UI filed its Rate Application with PURA on July 1, 2016. PURA has designated this rate case as Docket No. 16-06-04. As with all utility rate cases, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) will represent ratepayer interests as an active participant in the PURA proceeding to review UI's Rate Application.



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