



## **OCC Announces PURA Public Hearing Dates for CL&P's \$231.8 Million Requested Rate Increase**

On June 9, 2014, CL&P submitted an application for a distribution rate increase of \$231.8 million. CL&P's proposed \$231.8 million rate increase includes pre-approved costs of \$89.5 million for storm cost recovery and \$25.3 million for system resiliency costs. OCC has been actively involved in reviewing the CL&P application and, to date, has recommended adjustments that would reduce CL&P's proposed rate increase from \$231.8 million to \$122.6 million, a reduction of \$109.2 million. OCC has also participated in an audit of CL&P, issued hundreds of interrogatories questioning the merits of CL&P's rate increase and filed expert witness testimony recommending various modifications to CL&P's rate increase request.

One of the most significant aspects of the rate application for residential customers is CL&P's proposed increase of the fixed monthly customer charge from \$16 to \$25.50. This is a 59% increase in the fixed customer charge, which, if approved, would give customers significantly less control over their monthly bills. OCC has filed testimony in opposition to this rate design change and instead proposes a decrease in the fixed monthly customer charge from \$16 per month to \$11.68 per month.

PURA has scheduled three evening hearing dates specifically for the public to voice its comments. Those dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 6:30p.m., at the PURA offices located at Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut;
- Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 6:30p.m., in the cafeteria of the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut; and
- Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 6:30p.m., in the Council Chambers, New London City Hall, 181 State Street, New London, Connecticut.

To view all of the filings in this CL&P rate case, Docket Number 14-05-06, follow the link below:

[http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DOCKCURR.NSF/\\$FormDocketElectricView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=1000&Expand=2.77.1&Seq=3&scrollTop=1640](http://www.dpuc.state.ct.us/DOCKCURR.NSF/$FormDocketElectricView?OpenForm&Start=1&Count=1000&Expand=2.77.1&Seq=3&scrollTop=1640)