

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
**Minutes of PURA Meeting with Docket Stakeholders**  
(Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.)

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A meeting of Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) Commissioners and docket stakeholders was convened in Hearing Room 1 at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051, on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 9:01 a.m., to discuss procedural and administrative topics that relate to engagement in PURA proceedings, interfacing with PURA's docket system, and other related topics.

**Attendance:**

Thomas H. Wiehl, Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
David A. Arconti, Jr., Vice Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
Janice A. Beecher, Commissioner, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
Holly H. Cheeseman, Commissioner, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority  
Everett Smith, III, Commissioner, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

Troy Dixon, Vice President – Regulatory Affairs, Connecticut Water Company  
Michelle Williams, Vice President – Customer Experience, Connecticut Water Company

Suzannah K. Nigro, Staff Attorney, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
/ Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy

Jonathan A. Harris, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Eversource Energy  
Vincent P. Pace, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, Eversource Energy

Caroline McCormak, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Claire E. Coleman, Esq., Consumer Counsel, Office of the Consumer Counsel  
Andrew W. Minikowski, Esq., Agency Legal Director, Office of the Consumer Counsel

Christie Prescott, Vice President – Regulatory, United Illuminating Company  
Ted Novicki, Senior Director – Regulatory Affairs Connecticut, United Illuminating  
Company

**A. Discussion of PURA Procedural and Administrative Topics**

Chairman Wiehl convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m., discussed the intent of the meeting, and established ground rules for discussion.

Following his opening remarks, Chairman Wiehl led discussion concerning the following two topics:

1. Overview of Changes to PURA Motion Rulings
  - a. New Standard: Commissioner names included to PURA Motion Rulings, and opportunity to request review by the full panel of

commissioners when the Ruling is not reviewed by a quorum of commissioners.

- b. Discussion concerning (1) consideration of commissioners voting on every Motion Ruling, (2) adding notations if a commissioner did not take part in consideration of a Ruling, (3) concerns with regards to time sensitivity, and (4) Presiding Officer's determination of substantive matters and remedies for disagreement.

## 2. Scheduling of Hearings – Rate Cases

- a. Issue of Concern: No indication from PURA to Parties as to what topics will be addressed on any particular day of a rate case hearing.
- b. Discussion concerning (1) out-of-state witnesses, (2) cost to Company employees on standby to testify, (3) cost and other impacts to ratepayers, and (3) possible remedies to lessen or prevent avoidable costs due to unpredictable scheduling practices.

Following discussion on procedural and administrative topics brought forth by PURA, Chairman Wiehl asked stakeholders for any other topics stakeholders would like to discuss with the group. The following topics were discussed:

1. Matters Concerning Standard Filing Requirements (SFRs)
  - a. Discussion concerning (1) reasons to update SFRs, and (2) how to go about updating SFRs – whether through a docketed proceeding or through another format.
2. Matters Concerning Reply Briefs
  - a. Discussion concerning (1) which dockets to allow reply briefs, and (2) intent and usefulness of reply briefs.
3. Matters Concerning Oral Arguments
  - a. Discussion concerning (1) historical and current intent for Oral Argument, (2) allowing Parties to present Oral Argument through attorneys and non-attorneys, (3) interactions between Parties and the Commission during Oral Argument, and (4) when, and how often, to conduct Oral Arguments in a docketed proceeding.
4. Matters Concerning Proposed Final Decisions
  - a. Discussion concerning (1) issues of tone – PURA's unintentional implication of intent, and (2) request to include centralized location for all directives included in proposed and final decisions.
5. Matters Concerning Compliance Filings
  - a. Discussion concerning process for identifying and evaluating duplicative and/or obsolete compliance filing requirements.

6. Matters Concerning PURA Processes
  - a. Discussion concerning request for PURA to create a practice book or directive library that is updated regularly as processes are changed.
7. Matters Concerning Confidential Filings
  - a. Discussion concerning requests that Parties submit confidential materials to each other Party of a docketed proceeding at the same time such confidential materials are filed with PURA.
8. Matters Concerning Public Comment Hearings
  - a. Discussion concerning (1) confusion by customers/ratepayers of the various Parties of a proceeding, (2) confusion by customers/ratepayers of the ratemaking process and steps involved in the rate case proceedings, (3) informational materials that may be beneficial to customers/ratepayers during public comment hearings, and (4) providing booths during public comment hearings for Parties that routinely interact and are able to provide educational assistance to customers/ratepayers.

**B. Administrative Matters**

Chairman Wiehl suggested the possibility of regularly holding a similar meeting quarterly if stakeholders believed this meeting was helpful.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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