

**RESOLUTION OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGARDING THE PROPOSED MID-TERM MODIFICATIONS
OF EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC, LIBERTY UTILITIES, AND UNITIL ELECTRIC**

Adopted July 14, 2015

Pursuant to § 3.8.1 of the Revised Energy Efficiency Guidelines set forth in D.P.U. 11-120-A, Phase II (January 31, 2013) (“Guidelines”), an energy efficiency Program Administrator that seeks to make the following significant mid-term modifications (“modifications” or “MTMs”) to its Energy Efficiency Plan shall submit its proposed modifications to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (“EEAC”) for review:

- 1) the addition of a Hard-to-Measure Energy Efficiency Program;
- 2) the termination of an existing Energy Efficiency Program or Hard-to-Measure Energy Efficiency Program;
- 3) a change in the three-year term budget of an Energy Efficiency Program or Hard-to-Measure Energy Efficiency Program of greater than (1) 20 percent, or (2) a dollar value to be specified by the Department; or
- 4) a modification to the design of an Energy Efficiency Program that is projected to result in a decrease in program benefits over the three-year term that is greater than 20 percent.

In accordance with the Guidelines described above, Eversource Electric, Liberty Utilities, and Unitil Electric are currently seeking the support of the EEAC to implement three mid-term modifications of their energy efficiency programs. None of the proposed MTMs trigger a “Category 2” MTM requiring approval by the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”). Specific details from Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil describing the requested modifications and related information are set forth in the attached documents.

The three proposed mid-term modifications submitted by the Program Administrators for review and support from the EEAC pursuant to the Guidelines (§ 3.8.1) are:

1. Eversource electric Residential Products program: increase in the budget of \$15.4 million (31%).
2. Liberty Utilities gas Residential Whole House program: increase in the budget of \$0.8 million (32%).
3. Unitil electric C&I New Construction program: increase in the budget of \$0.7 million (47%).

Summary of EEAC Review and Analysis

All three of the proposed MTMs are based on the need to increase the program budgets in order to meet customer demand for the programs’ products and services, thereby increasing the cost-effective energy savings to be achieved.

Specifically, for the Eversource electric Residential Products program MTM, the need for the increased budget is driven by the success of the Residential Lighting initiative, and higher-than-anticipated demand for central air-conditioning and various heat pump technologies – all significantly higher than what was planned originally in the 2013-2015 Plan.

For the Liberty gas Residential Whole House program MTM, the additional budget is needed to conduct more audits and deliver more services through Home Energy Services (HES), install more high-efficiency boilers through the Early Boiler Replacement Offering, and support the construction of a higher number of energy-efficient new homes – all in response to higher-than-planned customer demand.

For the Unitil electric C&I New Construction program MTM, the additional budget is needed to meet the higher-than-planned customer demand for the Upstream Lighting offering, which has significantly increased the cost-efficiency of the New Construction program, and to support C&I new construction projects.

In reviewing the three proposed MTMs, the EEAC confirms its commitment to achieving the savings and benefits of the Three-Year Plan. The EEAC and its Consultants have examined the data and information presented by Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil in support of the three MTM proposals, and the EEAC concludes that the modifications to these program budgets will provide the Program Administrators the opportunity to meet the higher customer demand in the Residential Products, Residential Whole House, and C&I New Construction programs, and achieve associated energy savings that are also higher than planned.

EEAC Review and Support

Having reviewed the three proposed mid-term modifications set forth in the attached documents from Eversource, Liberty, and Unitil, and based on its analysis summarized above, the EEAC resolves to support all three of the mid-term modifications. The EEAC directs that this Resolution be transmitted in full by DOER to the Department.