

May 1, 2018

**PROCUREMENT FOR ZERO-CARBON RESOURCES
PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES – 16a-3m**

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

Pursuant to Executive Order 59 issued by Governor Malloy on July 25, 2017, and June Special Session Public Act 17-3, *An Act Concerning Zero Carbon Solicitation and Procurement* (the Act), Section 1(d) and (e), the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) initiates the above referenced proceeding to issue any Requests for Proposals pursuant to the requirements of the Act. In this proceeding, DEEP intends to release one or more draft Requests for Proposals, and accept public comment on any such draft before releasing a final Request for Proposals. As included in the Notice of Close of Proceedings for the *GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 59: DEEP AND PURA JOINT PROCEEDING*, while subject to change, DEEP plans on adhering to the preliminary timeframe below:

Action	Preliminary Timeframe
PURA initiates “at risk” proceeding	May 2018
DEEP initiates RFP proceeding	May 1, 2018
Bids due in DEEP’s RFP proceeding	September 2018
PURA issues interim determination regarding “at risk” resources and suspends docket	October 2018
DEEP selects winning bidders	Late 2018 – early 2019
Contracts submitted to PURA	Mid – late 2019

The Act authorizes the Commissioner of DEEP to issue one or more solicitations for zero-carbon electricity generating resources including, but not limited to, eligible nuclear power generation facilities, hydropower, zero carbon Class I renewable energy resources, and energy storage systems provided that the total annual energy output of selected proposals shall not, in the aggregate, exceed twelve million megawatt hours of electricity. In order to meet the State’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and to improve air quality in accordance with sections 16-245a, 22a-174 and 22a-200a of the general statutes, to provide greater fuel diversity in the electric generation sector and to attain the policy goals outlined in the Integrated Resources Plan and the 2018 Comprehensive Energy Strategy developed pursuant to sections 16a-3a and 16a-3d of the general statutes, the Commissioner hereby provides notice that, in the event that projects totaling less than twelve million megawatt hours of electricity are selected, the Commissioner may issue subsequent Requests for Proposals consistent with the requirements of the Act in this proceeding.

All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions can be directed to Debra Morrell at (860) 827-2688 and/or via e-mail at DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov.