



November 18, 2022

2022 COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY

SECTION 16A-3D OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 8, 2022

Under section 16a-3d of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is charged with preparing a Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES). The CES examines future energy needs in the state and identifies opportunities to reduce ratepayer costs, ensure reliable energy availability, and mitigate the public health and environmental impacts of Connecticut's energy use, such as impacts from emission of greenhouse gases and criteria air pollutants.

The agency held a Scoping Meeting for the 2022 CES on January 6, 2022 (notice). DEEP subsequently has held a series of technical meetings on hydrogen, end uses that are hard to decarbonize, building thermal decarbonization, active demand response, and alternative fuels: April 6, 2022 (hydrogen), September 1, 2022 (end uses that are hard to decarbonize), September 22, 2022 (building thermal decarbonization – heat pump barriers and market strategies), September 23, 2022 (building thermal decarbonization – heat pumps [continued]; support strategies), November 3 (active demand response), and November 4 (alternative fuels) (see previous notices: hydrogen; technical meetings 1-4; technical meetings 5-6). Technical Meeting 4 on building thermal decarbonization economic potential and technology deployment targets was canceled (notice); and an additional opportunity for written comment on that topic was issued October 28, 2022 (notice).

By way of today's notice, DEEP invites stakeholder participation in an additional technical session on **December 8, 2022** from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** on methane/natural gas distribution planning and policies (technical session #7) that will inform development of key elements of the CES. DEEP also expects to use information gathered during this technical session to inform other energy planning processes, such as future Conservation & Load Management Plans and Integrated Resource Plans. Please see the detailed invitation below regarding presentation proposals and written comments related to this technical session. DEEP will announce a more extensive agenda for this meeting in the coming weeks.

Invitation for presentations – As described in this notice, DEEP is inviting presentation proposals for specific portions of the agenda for Technical Session 7.

Zoom – The session will be held via Zoom. Individuals wishing to attend are required to register via the link provided below. Participants must register if they intend to attend.

Agenda – DEEP expects to distribute a formal agenda prior to the session. A tentative agenda is shown below and is subject to change. DEEP may issue additional information or request additional information from participants in advance of a session.

Slides – After the session, DEEP will post PDF versions of all slides on the [CES web page](#).

Recordings – DEEP will record the session and post the recordings on the [CES web page](#).

Public comment during the meetings – The session will provide opportunity for oral public comments.

Written comments – DEEP intends to solicit written comments in conjunction with technical session 7. A future notice will provide questions of particular interest to DEEP and will detail the written comment process and deadline.

Session 7 – Thursday, December 8, 2022 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Methane/Natural Gas Distribution Planning and Policies

- Welcome & Introduction
- Public Comment
- Topic Introduction
 - Current state of gas in CT – Quantities, infrastructure, cost, emissions
- Approaches and Benefits of Reducing the Carbon Intensity of Gas*
- The Challenges of Decarbonizing Gas & Existing Gas Infrastructure*
- What Other States Are Doing*
- Public Comment
- Wrap Up

Register for Session 7:

<https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluc-mqqjwvGd1LVwJ2gi64tRbQ6bmBy-tL>

**Presentation proposals are invited for starred portions of the Technical Session 7 agenda*

Invitation for Presentations

DEEP welcomes proposals from individuals and organizations who wish to provide presentations during technical session 7. Presentations are specifically requested for the starred (*) portions of the agenda above. Interested parties should send an e-mail to DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov by November 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Please include the session number, the relevant portion of the agenda for the proposed presentation, the name of the individual who would present, the topic(s) the presentation would cover, and

a phone number. In developing the detailed agenda for session 7, DEEP will consider all proposals received.

Written comments

DEEP intends to solicit written comments in conjunction with technical session 7. A future notice will provide questions of particular interest to DEEP and will detail the written comment process and deadline. Please continue to monitor the [Comprehensive Energy Strategy](#) webpage for future notices.

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