

DOCKET NO. HHD-CV25-6198559-S	:	SUPERIOR COURT
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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Plaintiffs</i>	:	JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD
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vs.	:	AT HARTFORD
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Defendants</i>	:	MAY 27, 2026

JOINT MOTION FOR DISMISSAL

The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully request the Court enter judgment of dismissal in accordance with the attached Stipulation for Dismissal.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL

On January 30, 2025, the Connecticut Light and Power Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy; Yankee Gas Services, d/b/a Eversource Energy; Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut; and UIL Holdings Corporation (collectively hereinafter “the plaintiffs”), commenced this action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the State of Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (“PURA” or the “Authority”), and its Chair, Marissa Paslick Gillett, and its Commissioners John Betkoski, Michael Caron, and David Arconti, in their official capacities (collectively hereinafter “the defendants”) alleging ongoing violations of various legal requirements governing PURA operations and, in particular:

- The PURA chair, instead of appointing at least three PURA commissioners to a panel before taking substantive action in accordance with General Statutes § 16-2 (c), and instead of having such panel designate a presiding officer for a given proceeding as is required by this statute, is self-designating herself to be the presiding officer in all, or nearly all, of the proceedings conducted by PURA since January 1, 2020, and is making all substantive rulings, and issuing them over the signature of PURA’s Executive Secretary, a non-commissioner employee, without any indication or record of any vote of the members of the agency. (Compl. ¶¶ 10, 11, and 13).

- The invalidly designated presiding officers are unilaterally deciding substantive motions in contested and uncontested dockets, instead of reporting back to a panel for the panel to issue a decision on behalf of the agency (Compl. ¶¶ 20-23).

- Motion decisions are improperly issued by a single presiding officer as rulings by the “Authority” over the signature of the Executive Secretary, (Compl. ¶¶ 26-28) concealing the fact that only the presiding officer has ruled and precluding the plaintiffs from appealing the ruling to a full panel. (Compl. ¶¶ 33-35), and

- Records of commissioner voting on agency decisions are not maintained. (Compl. ¶ 29).

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2025, the Superior Court issued a Memorandum of Decision in the matter, *CNG v. PURA*, No. HHB-CV-25-6092047-S, No. HHB-CV-25-6092048-S, and held that such conduct was contrary to law; and

WHEREAS, the defendants, Chair Gillett, Vice Chair Betkoski, and Commissioner Caron are no longer employed by the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lamont initially nominated David Arconti¹ in July 2024, and then nominated Thomas Wiehl to serve as PURA commissioner and chairperson, and Janice Beecher, Holly Cheeseman, and Everett Smith to serve as PURA commissioners, with each nominee confirmed by both chambers of the General Assembly in May of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the newly constituted PURA commission will continue to follow the legal restrictions imposed on it by the Superior Court in the matter, *CNG v. PURA*, No. HHB-CV-25-

¹ At the time that the initial Complaint was filed, Commissioner Arconti was recently nominated to PURA. Commissioner Arconti was therefore named as a defendant in his official capacity because the plaintiffs were obligated to join all necessary parties, including all acting commissioners.

6092047-S, No. HHB-CV-25-6092048-S, and has unanimously adopted administrative directives consistent therewith which also resolve each of the concerns at issue in this lawsuit, to wit:

- Only a panel of commissioners may designate a presiding officer.
- Only a panel of commissioners may issue rulings on motions deemed substantive.
- The practice of using the Executive Secretary signature block for motion rulings has been discontinued.

- All motion rulings will contain the name of the ruling hearing officer, presiding officer and/or panel. Votes are thus recorded, maintained and made public through the publicly available case management system; and

- Full panel review of any motion ruling by a single commissioner or hearing officer is available upon request by the movant within 14 days of the ruling or within any additional period of time approved by the panel in response to a motion for extension of time to file such request.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that this case may be dismissed with prejudice and without costs or fees to any party.

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