

August 10, 2022

To members of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board:

On July 28, 2022, Joel Kopylec submitted a letter to the Executive Secretary of the Energy Efficiency Board announcing his intention to step down from the Board, effective Friday, August 12, 2022. Joel was appointed to the Board to represent the United Illuminating Company (UI) consistent with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-245m(c)(2). For the past two-and-a-half years, Joel has served the Board, drawing on his experience as a Manager of Commercial and Industrial programs. DEEP is sincerely appreciative of Joel's service to the Board, including its Commercial and Industrial Committee.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §16-245m(c), the DEEP Commissioner is responsible for appointing members to the Board to represent a variety of interests as defined by the statute. The Board's [Operating Procedures](#) state that, "The Commissioner will seek to make appointments to the Board within 60 days of the Commissioner's notice that the position is available for appointment or within 60 days of a Board member position vacancy, whichever occurs first."

Accordingly, DEEP will begin a process to appoint a new Board member representing the electric distribution companies. On July 28, 2022, United Illuminated submitted a letter to the DEEP Commissioner recommending that Lawrence Rush, Manager of Conservation and Load Management at UI, assume Mr. Kopylec's role on the Board. DEEP will take this recommendation into consideration for this appointment. In accordance with the Operating Procedures, DEEP welcomes input from Board members on the appointment qualifications, process for appointment, and potential candidates for appointment.

Once again, we would like to extend our gratitude to Joel for his commitment and service. DEEP will provide updates on the appointment of a new Board member as they are available.

Thank you,



Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection