

**STATEMENT OF  
THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY  
TO THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**Re:**

**HOUSE BILL 6427 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTORY TIME LIMIT  
TO COMPLETE A MULTIYEAR RATE APPLICATION**

**Legislative Office Building  
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Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, members of the Energy & Technology Committee. The United Illuminating Company (UI) submits comments in opposition to **House Bill 6427 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTORY TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE A MULTIYEAR RATE APPLICATION.**

HB 6427 would add to the already lengthy 180 day time period within which the Department of Public Utility Control must decide rate proceedings. If a utility files a multi-year rate application, which has been encouraged in the past, the time period would be extended. For each additional rate year, the DPUC would have an additional 60 days to decide the proceeding. The result would be that new rates would be significantly delayed from becoming effective. HB6427 will discourage a public service company from seeking consideration of multi-year rate applications, because the Bill would delay the effective date of rate relief in the first year. This could encourage a series of single year rate cases rather than one multi-year rate proceeding.

There is no evidence that the DPUC cannot make rate determinations for more than one year within the 180 days presently allowed by statute. Indeed, the DPUC has made multi-year rate determinations on numerous occasions in the past. If the time for decision is extended beyond 180 days, the information provided to the Department at the time the application is filed would be dated by the time the Department makes a final decision on a utility's multi-year rate application.

For these reasons, The United Illuminating Company opposes **House Bill 6427 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTORY TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE A MULTIYEAR RATE APPLICATION** and urges the Committee to reject it.