

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGULATIONS**

December 12, 2013

**Anne FF Rugens:** Good morning. My name is Anne Rugens, and I'm an attorney with the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Program Policy. Today is December 12, 2013 and the time is approximately 9:30. This hearing is taking place in the Office of Program Policy, in the Connecticut Department of Labor. The hearing this morning is regarding the Department's proposed modifications to the Department's Shared Work regulations.

Notice of the proposed regulations and of this public hearing on the regulations was published on the Secretary of the State's website on November 6, 2013. Notice was further provided that interested parties would be able to submit data, facts, views or arguments orally or in writing at this hearing and would have 30 days from the publication of the regulations to submit written argument to my attention in the Office of Program Policy, DOL. The Department has received one written comment on the regulations from CBIA. I will go off the record for a brief period of time, in case any parties appear.

**Anne FF Rugens:** Back on the record at 10:30 a.m. No one has appeared to testify at the hearing. Accordingly, the hearing is closed at this time.

**TO: ALL PARTIES COMMENTING ON THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE SHARED WORK PROGRAM**

On November 6, 2013, the Connecticut Department of Labor (CTDOL) published on the Secretary of the State's website its Notice of Intent to Adopt regulations pertaining to the Shared-Work Program. A thirty-day public comment period commenced on that date and a public hearing was held in CTDOL's Wethersfield office December 12, 2013. The following parties provided written comments to the proposed regulations within the thirty-day public comment period:

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CTDOL has considered the comments received and has made modifications to the proposed regulations. A copy of the final draft of the regulations is attached. The following is a summary of the comments received and the action taken in response to those comments. The Agency response to each comment appears in bold immediately following the comment.

(1) CBIA suggests that the definition of "Affected Unit" in Section 31-250-8 of the proposed regulation be amended as follows:

(b) "Affected unit" means a specific department, shift or other unit of [four] two or more employees that is designated by an employer to participate in a shared work plan.

The Agency has reviewed CBIA's comment, and intends to amend the definition of "Affected unit" in the proposed regulations in accordance with the suggestion.