



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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### PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS TO AMEND CERTAIN RULES OF PRACTICE AND TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR UNCONTESTED PROCEEDINGS

#### REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) §4-168a(b) requires each agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis in which the agency shall consider utilizing regulatory methods that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing adverse impact on small businesses. Such regulatory methods shall be consistent with public health, safety and welfare. The agency is required to consider, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses:

- (1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
- (2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
- (3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
- (4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
- (5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulation.

Connecticut General Statutes §4-167(a) requires State agencies to promulgate regulations in order to provide for the nature and requirements of all formal and informal administrative proceedings. The designation of individuals, presentation of facts, and notice of hearings requirements constitute fundamental elements of an informal proceeding. PURA's current regulations do not currently furnish sufficient guidance on the nature and requirements of its uncontested proceedings. Therefore, the Authority seeks to remedy this omission by amending the regulations to include the procedural process for participants in uncontested proceedings.

The Authority does not have conclusive data regarding the actual number of small businesses that would be affected by the proposed regulations. Nevertheless, the Authority's simple and straightforward regulation establishing a procedural framework for uncontested proceedings will have minimal adverse impacts on any business. More particularly, the primary focus of the proposed regulation pertaining to the uncontested proceedings prescribes the procedural rules for participants in the proceedings. These

proposed rules are already the de facto standard for the Authority's practices and, therefore, places no additional burden on small businesses.

Based on the foregoing analysis, the Authority determines that the proposed regulations will have very minimal, if any at all, adverse impact on small businesses in Connecticut.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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