



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

May 9, 2016
In reply, please refer to:
Docket No. 14-10-02

The Honorable Clark J. Chapin, Co-Chairperson
The Honorable Brian Becker, Co-Chairperson
Honorable Members of the Legislative Regulations Review Committee
Capitol Building, Room 11
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Docket No. 14-10-02 – PURA Revisions to its Call Before You Dig Regulations

Dear Senator Chapin, Representative Becker, and Members of the Committee:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-170, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA or Authority) hereby submits the above-referenced proposed regulations for your review and approval. The proposed regulations pertain to excavation near underground utilities (commonly known as "Call Before You Dig") provided in Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §16-345-1 to §16-345-9.

The proposed amendments to the regulations above will serve to update rules regarding the proper techniques and protocol for excavation around underground utility facilities. These regulatory changes are necessary to reflect the current industry standard, as well as the statutory amendments made in Connecticut General Statutes §§16-345 to 16-359. No public hearing was requested regarding the proposed amendments. Nevertheless, the Authority received public comments from The Connecticut Light and Power Company and Yankee Gas Services Company dba Eversource Energy regarding descriptor markings, distance between markings, training standards, and expanding the scope of "soft digging." The Authority considered Eversource's comments and adopted some suggestions and rejected others.

We request that the Committee approve the proposed regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Nivison at 860-827-2780 or Chen Lu at 860-827-2695. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi".

Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Esq.
Executive Secretary

cc: Service List
Attachment