

Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) “The Process”

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BACKGROUND-1980s

- Utility-sponsored C&LM was instituted in the mid-1980s in Connecticut to serve public policy objects
 - Dependence on oil and environmental policy
- In 1980s, efforts included
 - Audit programs
 - Advertising efforts
 - Low income programs
 - Initiation of rebate programs as pilots

BACKGROUND-1990s

- In 1990s the budgets for C&LM increased and then decreased, depending on economic and political backdrop
- Rebate and direct install programs proliferated from 1990-95
- Transition to market-driven efforts in 1995-1999

Legislative Mandate for C&LM-in 1998 Restructuring Act

- Beginning January 1, 2000, Connecticut General Statute 16-245m called for an assessment of three mills (\$0.003) per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for UI and CL&P
 - CL&P budget for 2000: \$67 million
 - CL&P budget for 1999: \$28 million

 - UI budget for 2000: \$17 million
 - UI budget for 1999: \$3 million

New Connecticut Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB)

- Statute called for a broad-based ECMB to advise and assist utility companies in developing and implementing C&LM plans
- The Companies have worked closely with this Board, and with other parties outside the ECMB to achieve a broad consensus for C&LM over the last three years

Broad ECMB Membership

- Environment Northeast
 - Office of Consumer Counsel
 - Attorney General
 - MetroHartford Chamber of Commerce
 - Connecticut Business and Industry Assoc.
 - Middlesex Chamber of Commerce
 - Connecticut Legal Services
 - Manufacturers Alliance of CT
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - The Connecticut Light and Power Co.
 - The United Illuminating Co.
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Overview of Process

- Utility Planning
 - Public input
 - Evaluations
 - Market research
 - Benchmarking
- ECMB Review and Public Input
 - Consultants
- DPUC Review
 - Public hearings
 - Draft ruling
 - Public comments
 - Final ruling

Joint CL&P and UI Plan for 2003 and 2004

- Preliminary review draft circulated September 13 to: DPUC Staff, ECMB members and ECMB consultants
- Straw Proposal to go out to over 100 members of the public on October 9
 - Public forum on October 30
- Work with ECMB and its consultants in November and December to discuss and finalize
- File with DPUC in January 2003

Public Input Process

- Very Important to the Board
- Developed a Roadmap which was approved by the Department
 - Utilities are contacted first
 - Public may speak at each meeting
 - Solicit written comments each year
 - Circulate straw proposal each year
 - Hold public forum each year

DPUC Reviews Plan

- Typically there are interrogatories and public hearings
 - Public parties may comment
 - Interveners
- This year working earlier with staff
- Draft decision
- Final decision

CL&P SWCT 2002-2003

- Load Management
 - Facility modifications
 - Enrollment incentives
 - ISO “get ready costs”
 - Attainment = 10 MW
- Residential C&LM Programs
 - Central air conditioning program
 - Appliance program emphasis
- Commercial and Industrial Programs
 - Large business program
 - Small business program
 - Energy awareness and education
- Currently Planning Actions for 2003

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