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REP. CANDELARIA DENOUNCES PROPOSED ELECTRICITY RATE HIKES

Encourages Consumers to Attend Public Hearing in New Haven

State Representative Juan Candelaria (D-New Haven) is disappointed The United Illuminating Co. is considering a rate hike that will affect customers in the New Haven and Bridgeport areas and is encouraging consumers to attend a public hearing scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 6:30 pm at the Kennedy Mitchell Hall of Records, Hearing Room G2, 200 Orange Street, New Haven.

The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) will hold the Public Comment Hearings in New Haven where residents are welcome to participate.

Rep. Candelaria said, "It is shameful that UI chooses this time to move forward with a rate hike proposal that will adversely impact the already struggling residents of the state."

UI filed its \$100 million distribution rate increase plan this summer that would increase monthly residential bills incrementally beginning January 2017 through 2019.

"Connecticut's electric rates are already extremely onerous and any increases are acutely felt by the communities served," **Rep. Candelaria** said. "I urge UI to consider other approaches to solving their budgetary needs and not shift the burden onto already beleaguered rate payers."

Candelaria noted, "Customers who cannot attend the public hearing on September 12 can provide testimony and comments in writing to PURA regarding this proposal. I encourage all concerned residents to voice their opinion against this plan."

All communication should be addressed to PURA at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051; via e-mail addressed to dpuc.executivesecretary@po.state.ct.us, or in person at the scheduled public hearing.

Please include a reference to Docket No. 16-06-04 in any correspondence to PURA.

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