



Fall 2023 Agenda

*We hope your summer was wonderful - despite the continued unprecedented weather events, from air quality warnings from Canadian wildfires to the wettest July on record. It becomes painfully clearer every day that we need to demand accountability from lawmakers and the insurance industry, and take **immediate steps** to address the climate crisis.*

Save the Date! The Cycle4CT virtual bike challenge is coming up **October 14th and 15th**. Ride from anywhere in the world to raise funds to help save our planet one revolution at a time!

CLIMATE

CCAG is engaged in several critical campaigns on climate:

On September 17th, we will join thousands of people at the March to End Fossil Fuels in New York City. The march will take place ahead of the first of its kind UN Climate Ambition Summit. We will be calling on President Biden to stop fossil fuel expansion. Marchers will leverage as much national and international pressure as possible to call on him to change course.

Decisive action is needed now to prevent vast regions of earth from becoming practically or entirely uninhabitable. We need an unprecedented, emergency transition from fossil fuels to renewable power. The more oil, gas, and coal we burn, the more toxic air we breathe; the more heatwaves, fires, and floods we face. **All while wealthy fossil fuel CEOs rake in record profits from dirty practices that pollute our communities.** President Biden has the power to stop them by putting an end to the expansion of fossil fuels -- ensuring that we all have clean air and water, and better health and safety for our communities. *Visit <https://bit.ly/March2EndFossilFuels> for more information or to join us at the March.*

This November, the Insure Our Future (IOF) campaign will release its annual scorecard on Insurance, Fossil Fuels and the Climate Emergency, analyzing 30 leading primary insurers and reinsurers, assessing their policies on insuring and investing in coal, oil and gas. CCAG has been an IOF leader for several years, and we sometimes forget just how transformative this work is. Known as the insurance capital of the world, Hartford and Connecticut have a unique role in calling out insurance companies - whose continued insurance of and investment in fossil fuels threatens not only the planet, but increasingly their own bottom line. CCAG and our members are providing information to the public, and are exposing insurance companies that are contributing to the climate emergency; they need to be held accountable! Stay tuned for the scorecard's release and transformative actions by CCAG and our partners.

CCAG will also be launching a large-scale campaign this fall to ensure that Connecticut does not fall behind on climate. Targeting state-level leaders, we will call on Connecticut to keep up with nearby states - Maine proving that heat pumps work in cold weather, Massachusetts blanketing fields and making far more use of solar power. Our message: The clock is ticking. Connecticut must lead!

The state Insurance Department's third annual Conference on Climate Change and Insurance (C4I) is set for November. It will focus on the actions taken by legislators, regulators, industry professionals, and stakeholders to address climate risk and the insurance industry. Sam Dynowski of the Connecticut Sierra Club will be a panelist for a talk on sustainability. CCAG and partners pushed for this conference, which represents an important opportunity to continue to elevate the issue, and to collect needed data on how the insurance industry enables climate disaster.

Important new regulations to clean up car and truck pollution in Connecticut. These regulations are critical to address the climate crisis and to clean up the air we breathe! **A Koch brothers front group is riling up opposition to this common sense regulation, and Senate Republicans are using state resources to carry water for the oil industry to spread lies and mislead the public and set Connecticut back in fighting the climate crisis.** Senate Republicans are claiming the new regulations would be a ban on gas cars— **which is a lie;** they would ban the sale of **new** gas cars. Connecticut has the worst air quality in the region, and tailpipe pollution from cars and trucks make up nearly 40% of greenhouse gas emissions. This is bad for our planet and our air, with the worst impacts in low-income and minority neighborhoods. For updates visit ccag.net or give us a call.

CONSUMER RELATED CLIMATE ISSUE

Good news! On August 25th PURA made the final decision on United Illuminating's electric rate hike request.

In a press release,¹ the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority said PURA "rejects The United Illuminating Company's proposed distribution rate increase of \$131 million over three years. Instead, the Final Decision authorizes an increase of \$22.957 million." PURA also rejected UI's request for an extension to make their case. *There is no doubt that everyone who took action helped this to happen. Thank you!*

In the last rate case UI promised to clean up English Station², which they never did. Our state must hold them accountable. *UI should not continue to enjoy increasing profits from Connecticut residents especially in environmental justice communities when they refuse to meet their previous legal and financial obligations.*

This decision is the result of years of reform in Connecticut. Our Governor made some strides by recruiting and appointing Marissa Gillett as Chair of PURA, passing the Take Back Our Grid 2020 Act, and supporting Take Back Our Grid 2023. We need to stand strong together and continue to protect ratepayers.

These are just a few highlights, for more info, visit our website, join our email list, view our social media pages or contact:

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¹ <https://portal.ct.gov/pura/press-releases/2023/pura-ruling-sets-distribution-rates-for-united-illuminating-customers>

² <https://bit.ly/3PggKTp>