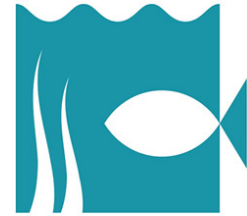




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**Comments on 2010 Integrated Resource Plan
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Connecticut Fund for the Environment (“CFE”) is a non-profit environmental organization with over 6,500 members statewide. For more than twenty-five years, CFE has used law, science and education to protect and preserve Connecticut’s environment and natural resources.

We strongly support the efficiency and renewable strategies outlined in the proposed 2010 integrated resource plan. We believe that aggressive implementation of those strategies will greatly assist the state in achieving its environmental, energy reliability and consumer cost goals.

Specifically, we urge support and endorsement of the 2010 IRP proposed expansion of DSM programs to include funding for all available cost-effective energy efficiency in the state (the “All-Achievable Cost Effective DSM Strategy”). These programs can significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants such as NO_x and Sulfur Dioxide and decrease electricity costs for consumers.

We realize that Connecticut has been recognized as a leader nationally for its energy efficiency programs. But more can and must be done if we are to achieve significant energy efficiency penetration in the residential market and be able to deliver deep efficiency retrofits to consumers.

Increasing our commitment to energy efficiency can provide a significant boost to the state’s economy, not only by keeping consumer dollars in the state rather than spending them on imported energy fuel stock, but also through the direct stimulant of job creation. Efficiency programs require and create jobs for skilled and experienced engineers, technicians and installers to identify and implement energy saving opportunities and strategies. Expanding investment in our efficiency programs by at least the \$65 million per year envisioned by the “All-Achievable Cost Effective DSM Strategy” is sound public policy that will yield a substantial return on the investment.

We also agree with, and urge support for, the recommendation in the 2010 IRP that Connecticut both develop reasonable renewable capacity within the state while also actively engaging with the other New England states to develop a comprehensive renewable energy policy that will allow the state and the region to meet its RPS targets.

CFE particularly urges taking advantage of the state's solar capacity and supports the recommendation of increasing the total amount of installed solar PV capacity in Connecticut to approximately 250 MW. We also encourage developing the state's wind capacity to 40 MW of wind power in conjunction with on and off-shore wind projects throughout the rest of New England.

Respectfully submitted,

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