

Energy conservation and energy efficiency programs need to figure prominently in this plan as solutions to electricity supply. In addition, these programs create green jobs in CT and lead to an avoidance of emissions of GHG and other air pollutants..

Our organization, the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, serves houses of worship in this state. Our member congregations benefit greatly from conservation programs at a time that is economically challenging for them. Their energy savings enable them to invest in serving the communities in which they are located.

Reducing their carbon emissions is also an important issue for congregations. This is achieved through conservation and the purchase of renewable energy.

Therefore we would request that the plan include meaningful and comprehensive conservation and efficiency programs and an increase in the development of clean, renewable energy in CT.

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CT Energy Advisory Board
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I urge you to support increased investment in regional wind, in-state solar energy and all cost-effective energy efficiency investments scenario.

It is very important that we prepare for our future by relying on sustainable power generation that doesn't pollute our air and make us sick.

PSEG, Inc. is planning to build 3 gas turbine peak power generators in my neighborhood. None of the residents that participated in the recent negotiation between PSEG, the city of New Haven, New Haven Environmental Justice Network, Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice and Elm City Clean Air neighborhood coalition wanted this to happen. We need and want better solutions to meet our power needs. We live in air deemed "unhealthy for sensitive groups" about half of the year and have increased illness because of it. We need clean energy options here in New Haven. Clean energy jobs would support our economy by providing employment and jobs. Our local community college, Gateway College, has already trained a work force that can meet the demands of increased green power generation but we need incentives and support to help green businesses get started and to help the consumer make better choices about meeting their energy needs.

Conservation and clean energy improve our well being by decreasing pollution-caused illness and pay for themselves by decreasing our costs.

Now is the time for action from our leaders that will change the status quo and point us in a better direction for all of us. Please do all you can to increase investment for in-state solar energy, regional wind power and all cost-effective energy efficiency investments scenario.

Sincerely,

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Re: Electric Distribution Companies Draft Integrated Resource Plan 2010

My name is Mary Mushinsky, 85th District Representative and Co-chair of Program Review & Investigations Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly representing Wallingford. I'm writing to ask you to implement the 2007 energy law we passed which recognized that consumer energy efficiency programs are the best way to lower electricity bills. As part of the Integrated Resource Plan before you, I urge you to support the all cost-effective energy efficiency scenario as it is the only scenario that will help more families, businesses and struggling municipalities receive assistance through our state conservation programs. Conservation is cheaper, quicker and safer than new generation.

When looking at Connecticut's future, it is clear we will have difficulty competing with our economic rivals in other U.S. regions and overseas unless the state's high energy costs are reduced. The best way to ensure our economic survival is to become the most energy-efficient state possible. In addition, investing in efficiency can reduce the great stress to our residents from the rapid change in heating oil costs they experienced within the past few years. We need to help them, no matter their fuel or their provider. Please ensure that the customers of municipal utilities (CMEEC) also have a means to enter into and participate in efficiency and renewable energy programs as well.

In addition to energy efficiency, renewable energy resources are a critical part of the long-term solution to rising fossil fuel prices. I support increased investments in wind developments throughout our region as they will help stabilize electricity prices while reducing pollution. I also believe there is a place for in-state renewable energy sources. We should do more to incorporate solar hot water heating, solar photovoltaics and passive solar design in our buildings. This effort will not only create a sustainable future, but also bring much needed green technology jobs to our Connecticut workforce.

Finally, I ask you not to support UI's recommendation to spend the CEAB's time and resources studying new nuclear generation for Connecticut until we have exhausted all potential efficiency improvements. The draft IRP demonstrates that the combination of energy efficiency and renewable energy is adequate to meet our resource needs for the foreseeable future, and does so at lower total cost and risk than building expensive new nuclear units.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



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