

February 7, 2008

Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
C/o G. Deans
CERC
805 Brook Street
Building 4
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Re: Draft Integrated Resource Plan for Connecticut

Dear Members of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board,

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut, comprised of over 2,600 members across the state, is a nonpartisan, political organization committed to effective public policy through education and action. The League provides testimony and comments on public policy issues based upon positions derived from member study and consensus. We thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our comments.

The League strongly believes that the cornerstone of the state's energy policy must be energy efficiency. Since the 1970s the League has supported the use of a variety of energy sources, with emphasis on energy efficient technologies. We believe that governmental policies and actions must encourage energy conservation and the use of renewable sources through research and development, financial incentives, rate-setting policies and mandatory standards, including standards for energy-efficient buildings, appliances and automobiles.

The League also believes that proposals to provide assistance and incentives to increase efficiency programs for fuel oil, natural gas and propane users are important to the total state strategy.

As you review the Draft Integrated Resource Plan for Connecticut, the League lends its voice in support of reducing peak load and encourages bold methods for usage reduction and distributed energy generation.

Sincerely,

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