



January 25, 2010

The Connecticut Energy Advisory Board
c/o Gretchen Dean, CERC
805 Brook Street, Bldg 4
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Dear Members of the Connecticut Energy Advisory Board,

The New England Clean Energy Council aggressively supports the "all cost-effective strategy" identified by the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) currently before you for review. Investing \$187 million per year in low cost energy efficiency resources will save consumers more than \$400 million per year, create sorely needed new clean energy jobs, and support local clean energy businesses.

The Council's mission is to accelerate New England's clean energy economy to global leadership. The New England Clean Energy Council has over 150 members representing the region's leading clean energy companies, venture investors, energy services companies, financial and educational institutions, industry associations, utilities, labor representatives, and commercial end-users. Adopting the all cost-effective strategy for Connecticut is a key step for building the region's clean energy economy.

Connecticut is well-positioned to take advantage of advances in clean energy technologies in the fields of energy efficiency and advanced and highly efficient lighting, appliances, and other commercial and industrial equipment. With numerous world-class institutions of higher education, an educated work-force and strong infrastructure, Connecticut is poised to be competitive in attracting investment in energy efficiency and related companies.

Because the state and the region do not have a wealth of fossil fuel resources, it must use its human resources, entrepreneurial talent, and innovation to drive growth and keep our energy dollars at home. Increases in efficiency catalyzed by the "all cost-effective strategy" will fuel innovation, stimulate the economy, and generate new clean energy jobs while simultaneously reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. We strongly encourage you to adopt this beneficial strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nicholas d'Arbeloff
President
New England Clean Energy Council