

**Comments from the Northeast Energy Efficiency Council-
Connecticut Chapter
To The CEAB
Regarding Connecticut's Electricity & Efficiency Plans
January 25, 2010**

Thank you for giving the Northeast Energy Efficiency Council- Connecticut Chapter, the opportunity to comment on the draft IRP and its recommendations to the CEAB. Connecticut is a leader in providing cost effective energy efficiency programs to electric utility costumers. This is true for both residential and commercial customers. The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund is nationally recognized for its part in Connecticut's energy efficiency infrastructure. The investments in energy efficiency continue to grow green jobs in the state and save residential and commercial customers a great deal. For every \$1 invested consumers in average save \$4.00. The benefits are tremendous for the consumers and the environment, and using the dollars provides a clear example of how businesses and organizations can employ environmentally sound practices without sacrificing the bottom line

In 2007, Connecticut passed legislation directed at building upon the success of existing efficiency investments. This is where the IRP of today is gathering its directive. However, NEEC-CT believes the IRP does not recommend the best level of investment. We urge the CEAB to implement the All Cost-Effective Strategy (\$187 million a year) instead of the Target Strategy (\$125 million a year). The difference would generate \$300 million more in customer savings per year than the Target Strategy. This is a huge difference that should be implemented.

This savings would hopefully stay in the state helping generate more jobs, lower bills, and lead to a stronger economy. We urge the CEAB to endorse the All Cost Effective level of investment in order to meet the requirements of PA 07-242 and bring economic, environmental and job benefits of doing so to the state. We look forward to testifying on February 11th.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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