To: Energy and Technology Committee

Re: Tropical Storm Isaias Response and Electric Utility Rate Increases Submitted by: David Henri, New Hartford, CT 06057

Hello,

I am advocating a gradual transition on how the citizens of Connecticut receive electricity. Obviously we need to harden the grid from global warming induced disruptions including more frequent destructive storms, heavier loads due to increased temperatures and rising sea levels. We have to act fast and efficiently.

One piece of the solution is to build rate payer owned solar farms. By using a tiny charge on electric bills and mandated purchasing to meet carbon reductions requirements these farms could easily be built. The revenue stream would then be used to increase the solar farms size.

So, we would take out profit from the energy equation. The ratepayers would own the farms. The sun would make the farms produce electricity, the revenue stream would be used to grow the farms larger, these larger farms would produce more volume of electricity and grow the revenue stream and

solar farm even more. And so on

The reliability, low maintenance and operation costs of the technology make this proposal feasible. We must fund solutions. This solution is in the form of ratepayer owned solar power plants. Green farms that will grow in sunlight, leaving a legacy of green power ever enlarging into the future.

I hope you agree that this is an important concept that needs to be seriously considered. Thanks,

David Henri