

Dear Energy and Technology Committee member,

Thank-you for improving the reliability of the state's electricity grid and advancing the state's environmental goals with LCO 3920. It is especially good to notice the bill's expansion of eligibility for the microgrid and resilience grant program, as well as the bill's recognition that adherence to the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals is critical.

Connecticut's electric utilities must be prepared to meet the challenge of increasingly frequent storm events as a result of climate change. At the same time, we must support clean, reliable, and affordable electricity generation in a manner that leverages competition, reduces ratepayer risk, and achieves the state's climate goals.

Please consider the following very important issues:

1. Expand energy storage. Coupled with rooftop solar, energy storage systems provide power for customers when the grid itself is down.

2. Expand the Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP) to provide more economical solar options to homeowners and lower the burden on the grid. The solar industry was negatively impacted by COVID-19, and expanding the RSIP program would provide the stability and support needed to ensure that we remain on track to more widely deploy solar and energy storage systems in the state. This is a smart COVID-19 recovery measure as well as being good for improving the reliability and resilience of the grid

3. Keep solar net metering until 2022. As with the expansion of RSIP and energy storage, this will provide stability to the solar industry and ensure predictability for homeowners looking to invest in clean, renewable technology. PURA could then focus on its grid modification efforts instead of a rushed new tariff program.

Thank you for tackling these important issues. Connecticut needs comprehensive climate change policies today for a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,
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