

Testimony to the Energy & Technology Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly'  
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I am writing to comment on LCO-3920.

I am a strong supporter of renewable energy. I am convinced that our state needs to make a systematic and urgent transition to generating electricity through renewable means, such as wind, solar, and geothermal. To that end, I believe that we must no longer part of ISO-New England, which has given its approval to the proposed construction of a fracked gas fueled generating station in Killingly. We do not need yet another megawatt facility dependent on fossil fuels.

In addition, I would like this committee, and the General Assembly, to address the following concerns:

- **Expand energy storage.** The only way we can increase renewable energy procurement, including offshore wind, solar, hydropower etc. is to expand storage. Without it we will lack the necessary infrastructure to expand renewable energy to meet our goals.
- **Expand the Residential Solar Investment Program (RSIP)** to provide more economical solar options to homeowners and lower the burden on the grid.
- **Keep solar net-metering until 2022.** This will allow PURA to focus on other grid modification efforts instead of a rushed and unnecessary net-metering successor program.
- **Clarify the property tax exemption for solar and storage.** Without this clarification, towns will continue to improperly assess property taxes on residential solar which will hurt the solar market.
- **Repeal the Pipeline Tax.** Connecticut should require legislative approval for all new gas infrastructure to protect consumers from costly, polluting, and unnecessary fossil fuel infrastructure.

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