

LCO 3920 An Act Concerning Emergency Response by Electric Distribution Companies and
Revising the Regulation of Other Public Utilities.

To: Honored Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Arconti and Distinguished Members of the
Energy and Technology Committee

It is critical that the electric grid in Connecticut respond to the needs of the ratepayers and to our changing climate. As we have no choice in who distributes our electricity, the state must protect our interests. The policies and investments of our public utilities must also align with Governor Lamont's Executive Order. No. 3, establishing a carbon-free grid by 2040.

I strongly support Section 19 of this bill, calling for a review of the ISO-New England wholesale market. I also strongly endorse the following "Take Back the Grid" initiatives which were being considered before the COVID-19 pandemic brought progress to a halt:

- 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.

We must have clean, renewable energy at affordable prices to protect consumers and our environment. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate on this legislation.

Sincerely,
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