

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. As a Connecticut resident, taxpayer, and ratepayer, I strongly support Section 19, which calls for a review of the ISO-New England wholesale market. I believe that we should leave the ISO-New England wholesale market, so that we can more effectively pursue our renewable energy goals. As long as our grid is in the hands of fossil fuel companies, we will not have the ability to make decisions based on environmental and public health concerns. Leaving ISO-New England will allow us to invest in renewable energy, rather than polluting fossil fuels.

I also support expanding energy storage, which will allow us to increase our procurement of renewable energy.

I am a homeowner in Preston, CT and my husband and I have installed a 12KwH solar array on our house. Expanding access to solar is essential to meeting CT's climate and environmental goals. I support extending solar net-metering until 2022, and expanding the Residential Solar Investment Program. I also urge you to clarify the property tax exemption for solar and storage.

I also support repealing the pipeline tax. I am extremely disappointed in the approval of the Killingly gas plant and the proposed pipelines to bring toxic fracked gas into Connecticut, through pristine watersheds and aquifers and into communities already burdened by toxic waste and environmental hazards. Pipelines should require legislative approval, so that the public has a voice in this process.

Thank you for your time.

Very best regards,

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