

**Testimony**  
**of**  
**THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY**  
**before the**  
**PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**  
**Re**  
**RAISED SENATE BILL 1132**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY INNEFICIENT STATE**  
**BUILDINGS**

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING**

**HARTFORD, CT**

**March 17, 2009**

Good afternoon Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is Patrick McDonnell and I am the Director of Conservation and Load Management for The United Illuminating Company. I am here today to testify on **Raised Senate Bill 1132 – An Act Concerning Energy Inefficient State Buildings.**

This Bill would create an innovative way to install new technologies in municipal and state facilities. This is a very innovative approach, and UI supports this Bill.

The concept that a customer may install energy efficient technology and then use the savings stream that occurs after the technology is installed to pay for the technology is a good one. This is the basis for a variety of approaches such as performance contracting as well as our award winning Small Business Program. This Small Business Program includes interest free financing for projects, paid on the electric bill.

The Small Business approach is also available to our municipal customers. Some have had the ability to use this mechanism, while other towns have had municipal ordinances that have prevented it. The state also has access to all of the programs that have been so successful for our commercial customers but have unable to participate to a great degree. This is a result of rigid contracting rules in place at the state and in some municipalities that make signing agreement that have not been through a competitive solicitation impossible. I would suggest that the committee investigate ways to remove those barriers to make the provisions of this bill a complete success.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.