

Testimony of David B. Damer
Appointee to Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors
Before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
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Good afternoon, Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and members of the Committee. My name is David Damer and I am honored to have been appointed to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors by former Speaker Amann. Thank you for considering my nomination today.

You have my detailed biographical information, but to provide you a quick summary, my entire professional career has been devoted to managing the environmental issues related to electrical energy generation, transmission and distribution. After graduating from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1970, I spent 29 years with United Illuminating, where I was actively engaged in development of corporate strategic environmental policy and in shaping state, regional and federal laws, policies and regulations, becoming especially active in the development of environmental incentive policies, most notably those pertaining to emission trading.

In 1999, when as a result of electric industry restructuring, UI sold its generation assets to Wisvest, I moved to Wisvest as Director, Environmental Affairs and became responsible for development of corporate strategic environmental policy and direction of environmental governmental activities for the new company, including major licensing and compliance planning activities. Subsequently, when New Jersey-based PSEG bought those assets from Wisvest in 2002, I became PSEG's Environmental Policy Manager-Air Quality.

My activity with environmental issues has not been limited to my career. I served 10 years on the Town of Guilford's Conservation Commission, including one a term as Chairperson. I am also a member of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (which I presently serve as Secretary); the Natural Resources Council of Connecticut (of which I am on the Board of Directors); the Nature Conservancy; Connecticut Fund for the Environment; Environmental Defense; Trout Unlimited; Connecticut Audubon; the Guilford Land Conservation Trust; and others.

CRRA's trash-to-energy and recycling systems play an important part in protecting our state's environment, conserving natural resources and generating electricity. I believe my background and experience make me ideally qualified to serve on the CRRA Board, and I am excited about the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. Now I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.