



David Valez
Planning and Development Committee
Room 2100, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

February 17, 2009

Re: SB 260/ An Act Concerning Municipal Fees for Telecommunication and Public Service Companies

Dear Mr. Valez,

Enclosed please find 40 copies of a comment letter from PCIA—The Wireless Infrastructure Association regarding SB 260, which is up for public hearing on Wednesday, February 18. I would very much appreciate it if you could distribute these to the Planning and Development Committee members. Please call me with any questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Saperstein".

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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY and
YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

The Connecticut Light and Power Company and Yankee Gas Services Company submit comments on Proposed Senate Bill 260 – An Act Concerning Municipal Fees for Telecommunication and Public Service Companies.

CL&P has been part of everyday life in Connecticut for more than 100 years, providing safe and reliable electric service to homes, neighborhoods and businesses. With 1.2 million customers in 149 cities and towns, and 1,900 employees, CL&P is an active member in the communities it serves, including the largest taxpayer in many, offering programs in energy efficiency, economic development and environmental stewardship. Yankee Gas is Connecticut's largest natural gas distribution company, with over 400 employees delivering safe, reliable natural gas service to approximately 205,000 customers in 71 cities and towns. Yankee Gas is expanding Connecticut's energy options and increasing customer choice by extending the availability of clean, efficient natural gas throughout the state. Our service company adds another 2,000 employees, most of whom are located in Connecticut.

Both CL&P and Yankee Gas oppose this bill. In the majority of the Connecticut cities and towns they are already one of the largest personal and real estate property taxpayers. This bill would expose both companies to additional taxes for providing valuable electric and gas services to these communities and the cost of these new taxes

would have to be passed along to our customers in the form of higher rates. During these tough economic times with most prices on the rise, do we want to burden Connecticut's utility customers with higher utility rates caused by this additional tax?

Utilities are already being charged for using municipal and other governmental rights of way through charges such as fees for street opening permits and the costs of off-duty police officers required by certain municipalities for traffic control.

We believe PSB 260 will place a further burden upon both CL&P's and Yankee's customers and therefore should not go forward.

If there are further questions please contact:

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