



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

### THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### Senate Bill 596: AAC THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF UTILITIES

February 10, 2009

### TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

The DPUC does not support this proposal for the following reasons. This proposal would require that all utility companies retain responsibility for any environmental impact of their businesses for an uncertain period of time. As the proposal is currently written it is overly broad as to the covered duration which the Department reads as indemnifying buyers of utility property for all eternity. It is also vague as to what sort of environmental impact the bill is intended to protect against which could be confusing to the property owners and the general public. Lastly, the Department is most concerned about rate-payers carrying such a long-time liability as part of their financial responsibility.