

**Testimony**

**of**

**THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY**

**before the**

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Re**

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

**WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROPOSED PLAN**

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING**

**HARTFORD, CT**

**May 4, 2009**

Good afternoon members of the joint committees. My name is Patrick McDonnell and I am the Director of Conservation and Load Management for United Illuminating (UI).

UI operates energy efficiency programs funded by a conservation charge on customers' electric bills. These programs are created with the advice and assistance of the Energy Conservation Management Board and reviewed and approved by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control. These programs have become nationally recognized models for energy efficiency. Through our efforts developing and implementing these programs, we have expertise developing efficient and effective programs. Many of the programs that we currently operate have similarities to the programs proposed by the Department of Social Services (DSS) proposed today.

UI stands ready to assist DSS, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and other stakeholders in Connecticut in utilizing the stimulus funds for the benefit of Connecticut residents. Our experience in deploying large scale energy efficiency programs may be invaluable to DSS and DECD as they attempt to implement this aggressive increase in the scale of the current DSS offerings. UI's location, in New Haven, may also be helpful to the DSS and DECD in overcoming some of the gaps in the current draft plan.

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