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To: The Energy and Technology Committee

I ask you to broaden your protections for consumers with competitive electric suppliers. In addition to the current CtCleanEnergy Options (Community Energy and Sterling Planet) that supply electricity from renewable sources that exceed the 14% required by RPS (renewable portfolio standard) ALL electricity suppliers that likewise claim to supply electricity in excess of the 14% RPS should be audited to assure compliance with their claims. The general public would and should reasonably expect that some sort of verification process is in place to insure they would be getting what they are paying for. Legislation is needed to address this concern.

I am a member of Trout Unlimited and also serve on the board of the Friends of Hammonasset. I came to this issue as we are considering promoting to our membership the opportunities to switch into lower cost Electricity suppliers as well as one of the CtCleanEnergy Options: Community Energy or Sterling Planet. I found it difficult to determine which options verifiably benefit the environment. We are also considering holding public forums to address the broad issues of energy conservation and the use of green energy in dealing environmental concerns.

Sincerely,
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