



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL**

THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**Senate Bill 464: AAC ENERGY and TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH and
DEVELOPMENT**

March 18, 2010

TESTIMONY OF CHAIRMAN KEVIN M. DELGOBBO

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) opposes Senate Bill No. 463. This Act would require this Department to consult with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) with regard to Connecticut initiatives for reducing energy consumption, promoting renewables, developing energy supply portfolio and improving market mechanisms. This collaboration culminates in creating a similar entity like NYSERDA in this state.

First, the Department notes that this state's energy efficiency and conservation programs are rated as one of the best in the country, second only to those of California and Vermont. The Department further notes that this state already spends substantial money to hire consultants to do much of what is contemplated in this Raised Bill. The Connecticut Advisory Board (CEAB) was legislatively created with the purpose of reviewing the state's energy plan and in a collaborative manner with several state agencies and stakeholders through the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The budget allocated for the 2010 IRP is \$650,000 for consultants and administrative staff. Similarly, the Energy Conservation Board (ECMB) also has a budget of \$610,000 to administer its programs and to fund the work of consultants. The Department considers that ratepayer's money is already being well spent to undertake the responsibilities mentioned in this bill and that it is redundant and costly to contract with a New York state agency at this time as contemplated by this bill.

For these reasons, the Department urges policy makers to reject this bill.

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