Written testimony of David Gable, President of the Connecticut Leadership Group of the Propane Gas Association of New England and President of Hocon Gas Inc., 33 Rockland Road, Norwalk, CT 06854 before the General Law Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly, February 23, 2010.

Reference: Raised Bill No. 5222: AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL RETAIL HEATING OIL AND PROPANE CONTRACTS

Senator Colapietro, Representative Shapiro and other distinguished members of the committee, my name is David Gable. I am the President of the Connecticut Leadership Group of the Propane Gas Association of New England, President of Hocon Gas Inc., a family owned business headquartered in Norwalk employing over 120 men and women in the State of Connecticut and past president of the Propane Gas Association of New England. I am here today to represent my company's business interests as well as the local propane marketers of our trade association regarding Raised Bill No. 5222: **AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL RETAIL HEATING OIL AND PROPANE CONTRACTS.**

When legislation regarding the propane industry failed to pass for the 3rd time last year, our industry worked through proposed regulations with the Department of Consumer Protection and came up with a plan we as an industry feel is equitable for our customers without being overly burdensome on the industry.

Connecticut residents presently pay the second highest rates in the nation for electricity with only Hawaii being more expensive as reported by the Department of Energy's Energy Information Agency. A copy of the report is attached.

De-regulation is attempting to fix that problem.

Although no one enjoys high energy prices, the world market price for refined fuels has dropped significantly this year and complaints are way down as a result.

The Connecticut propane market is competitive and vibrant with our homeowners presently paying less for their propane than in any state in the New England and Central Atlantic region of the country, also as reported by the Energy Information Agency. A copy of that report is attached as well.

My concern is that the proposed legislation will reduce competition and become unnecessarily burdensome for the propane marketer which will translate into higher costs for our customers. Do we want the same distinction in the propane industry which already exists for electricity?

We, as an industry support the proposed regulation and ask that the regulations be given time to see if they solve the problems raised by consumers last year before we add layers of additionally burdensome and ultimately expensive legislation on our industry.

This concludes my testimony and I welcome any question you may have.

Thank you.

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Electric Power Monthly with data for October 2009
Report Released: January 15, 2010
Next Release Date: Mid-February 2010

Table 5.6.B. xls format Electric Power Monthly

Table 5.6.B. Average Retail Price of Electricity to Ultimate Customers by End-Use Sector, by State, Year-to-Date through October 2009 and 2008
(Cents per kilowatthour)

Census Division and State	Residential		Commercial[1]		Industrial[1]		Transportation[1]		All Sectors	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
New England	**17.63**	**17.48**	**15.98**	**15.48**	**11.95**	**13.28**	**8.41**	**12.11**	**15.62**	**15.8**
Connecticut	20.28	19.31	15.93	15.92	15.36	13.86	12.2	15.98	17.58	16.9
Maine	15.41	15.94	12.53	12.93	10.12	11.79	--	--	12.93	13.67
Massachusetts	17.3	17.39	18.02	16.1	11.46	14.27	6.37	10.07	15.66	16.22
New Hampshire	16.43	15.59	14.9	14.21	13.67	13.14	--	--	15.31	14.56
Rhode Island	15.46	17.26	13.38	15.25	12.64	14.08	--	--	14.06	15.88
Vermont	15.04	14.63	12.89	12.51	9.41	8.95	--	--	12.82	12.3
Middle Atlantic	**15.32**	**15.33**	**13.58**	**14.25**	**8.48**	**8.8**	**13.2**	**12.61**	**13.28**	**13.56**
New Jersey	16.55	16.03	14.47	14.91	11.48	12.58	18.59	16.98	14.92	15.05
New York	18.48	19.08	15.56	16.83	10.81	12.23	14.42	13.68	16.09	17.07
Pennsylvania	11.73	11.46	9.6	9.45	7.2	7.04	7.76	7.61	9.64	9.37
East North Central	**11.03**	**10.45**	**9.01**	**8.86**	**6.74**	**6.39**	**9.23**	**7.64**	**9**	**8.56**
Illinois	11.39	10.98	8.34	8.53	7.61	7.83	9.02	7.26	9.2	9.17
Indiana	9.44	8.9	8.23	7.75	5.8	5.47	9.82	9.61	7.58	7.06
Michigan	11.91	10.94	9.61	9.46	7.26	6.86	10.85	12.1	9.73	9.14
Ohio	10.71	10.19	9.66	9.22	6.84	6.19	10.91	10.67	9.08	8.41
Wisconsin	12.09	11.6	9.59	9.28	6.79	6.54	--	--	9.45	9.02
West North Central	**9.25**	**8.81**	**7.5**	**7.2**	**5.83**	**5.39**	**6.88**	**6.79**	**7.68**	**7.22**
Iowa	10.24	9.77	7.67	7.31	5.34	4.88	--	--	7.54	7.03
Kansas	9.79	9.11	8.19	7.65	6.26	NM	--	--	8.28	7.67
Minnesota	10.1	9.79	7.93	7.91	6.38	5.99	7.72	8.08	8.21	7.85
Missouri	8.61	8.15	7.03	6.68	5.51	5.03	6.02	5.59	7.42	6.93
Nebraska	8.58	7.95	7.34	6.69	5.78	5.12	--	--	7.24	6.59
North Dakota	7.64	7.56	6.79	6.79	5.81	5.54	--	--	6.79	6.66
South Dakota	8.48	8.29	6.94	6.86	5.66	5.31	--	--	7.31	7.1
South Atlantic	**11.39**	**10.75**	**9.71**	**9.35**	**6.74**	**6.31**	**10.38**	**11.59**	**9.96**	**9.38**
Delaware	14.12	13.88	12.01	12.03	9.27	10.21	--	--	12.19	12.27
District of Columbia	13.56	12.64	14.05	13.76	10.46	11.55	12.74	15.34	13.86	13.57
Florida	12.34	11.62	10.83	10.12	9.35	8.26	10.42	10.06	11.51	10.73
Georgia	10.31	10.16	9.03	9.21	6.27	6.77	7.07	7.25	8.97	9.01
Maryland	15.16	13.79	12.15	12.88	10.01	10.53	10.84	12.6	13.25	13.04
North Carolina	10.19	9.73	8.07	7.66	6.04	5.62	6.78	6.53	8.62	8.1
South Carolina	10.31	10	8.73	8.5	5.82	5.36	--	--	8.39	7.88
Virginia	10.76	9.63	8.19	7.24	6.91	5.68	8.45	7.64	9.05	7.93
West Virginia	7.82	7.02	6.69	6.03	5.2	4.17	7.57	6.27	6.57	5.54
East South Central	**9.58**	**9.17**	**9.21**	**8.86**	**5.87**	**5.65**	**10.89**	**9.82**	**8.15**	**7.72**
Alabama	10.61	10.33	10.02	9.74	6.07	6.05	--	--	8.86	8.51
Kentucky	8.39	7.87	7.66	7.2	4.95	4.84	--	--	6.57	6.23
Mississippi	10.11	10.3	9.5	9.92	6.66	6.38	--	--	8.86	8.87
Tennessee	9.3	8.6	9.47	8.81	6.66	5.98	10.89	9.82	8.61	7.83
West South Central	**11.39**	**11.85**	**9.19**	**10.18**	**6.48**	**8.2**	**9.84**	**8.76**	**9.32**	**10.22**
Arkansas	9.57	9.51	7.79	7.77	6.02	6.02	10.86	--	7.92	7.77
Louisiana	8.43	10.43	7.99	10.19	5.45	8	10.17	12.1	7.35	9.54

Oklahoma	8.91	9.45	7.13	8.25	5.06	6.09	--	--	7.34	8.13
Texas	12.72	12.9	9.9	10.75	7.08	8.96	9.8	8.51	10.28	11.06
Mountain	**10.28**	**9.93**	**8.57**	**8.42**	**6.14**	**6.13**	**8.36**	**8.33**	**8.48**	**8.26**
Arizona	10.87	10.35	9.41	8.95	6.7	6.71	--	--	9.68	9.21
Colorado	9.97	10.24	8.16	8.66	6.29	6.72	7.99	8.4	8.31	8.7
Idaho	7.67	6.97	6.5	5.68	5.27	4.53	--	--	6.46	5.65
Montana	8.89	9.21	8.25	8.59	5.38	5.78	--	--	7.28	7.47
Nevada	12.8	11.87	10.38	10.13	8.27	8.23	10.09	9.62	10.43	10.02
New Mexico	10.21	10.12	8.53	8.63	5.81	6.5	--	--	8.24	8.42
Utah	8.64	8.36	7.16	6.81	4.92	4.71	8.4	7.9	6.93	6.62
Wyoming	8.54	8.2	7.28	6.71	4.84	4.52	--	--	6.07	5.69
Pacific Contiguous	**12.47**	**11.98**	**12.22**	**11.59**	**8.29**	**8.02**	**8.37**	**8.15**	**11.49**	**10.95**
California	15.08	14.38	14.04	13.22	10.56	10.24	8.42	8.18	13.76	13.05
Oregon	8.78	8.58	7.8	7.66	5.29	4.84	6.83	6.76	7.56	7.26
Washington	7.79	7.57	7.06	6.74	5.17	5.2	5.82	5.89	6.86	6.64
Pacific Noncontiguous	**21.15**	**26.21**	**18.28**	**22.59**	**16.49**	**23.18**	--	--	**18.63**	**23.9**
Alaska	17.19	16.39	14.44	13.31	12.99	14.32	--	--	15.05	14.55
Hawaii	23.79	32.73	21.44	29.97	17.74	26.33	--	--	20.81	29.46
U.S. Total	**11.68**	**11.38**	**10.31**	**10.32**	**6.95**	**7.02**	**11.4**	**11.36**	**10.02**	**9.84**

[1] See Technical notes for additional information on the Commercial, Industrial, and Transportation sectors.

Notes: See Glossary for definitions. Values for 2007 are final. Values for 2008 and 2009 are preliminary estimates based on a cutoff model sample. See Technical Notes for a discussion of the sample design for the Form EIA-826. Utilities and energy service providers may classify commercial and industrial customers based on either NAICS codes or demands or usage falling within specified limits by rate schedule. Changes from year to year in consumer counts, sales and revenues, particularly involving the commercial and industrial consumer sectors, may result from respondent implementation of changes in the definitions of consumers, and reclassifications. Retail sales and net generation may not correspond exactly for a particular month for a variety of reasons (i.e., sales data may include imported electricity). Net generation is for the calendar month while retail sales and associated revenue accumulate from bills collected for periods of time (28 to 35 days) that vary dependent upon customer class and consumption occurring in and outside the calendar month. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions Report."

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see also:
Electric Power Monthly
Electric Power Annual
annual electricity statistics back to 1949
projected electricity capacity to 2030
international electricity statistics

Table C3. Residential Propane Prices by Region and State

(Cents per Gallon)

2008-2009 Heating Season Monthly

Region/State	October	November	December	January	February	March
Average	258.7	245.4	235.2	231.3	231.2	224.8
East Coast (PADD I)	305.0	287.0	272.0	268.2	272.0	266.6
New England (PADD IA)	313.6	298.7	280.2	274.1	280.6	276.3
Central Atlantic (PADD IB)	312.7	295.3	283.3	280.0	284.1	279.7
Lower Atlantic (PADD IC)	285.4	263.7	247.2	244.5	245.4	237.6
Midwest (PADD II)	229.6	219.4	212.3	208.3	205.8	198.8

2009-2010 Heating Season Monthly

Region/State	October	November	December	January	February	March
Average	210.4	224.0	239.1	263.5	NA	NA
East Coast (PADD I)	254.3	265.7	281.4	308.3	NA	NA
New England (PADD IA)	256.9	265.9	278.9	301.0	NA	NA
Central Atlantic (PADD IB)	262.6	275.6	294.6	322.9	NA	NA
Lower Atlantic (PADD IC)	225.9	240.0	255.4	293.3	NA	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	155.3	174.1	188.6	210.2	NA	NA

2009-2010 Heating Season Weekly

Region/State	11/30	12/7	12/14	12/21	12/28	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15
Average	229.2	233.7	235.5	240.4	246.3	253.4	266.0	267.1	267.5	268.3	268.8	268.8
East Coast (PADD I)	270.0	275.1	277.2	283.9	288.8	295.7	310.2	313.0	314.0	314.9	314.8	315.0
New England (PADD IA)	269.4	273.7	274.8	281.3	285.4	290.4	302.3	304.3	306.1	308.8	309.5	308.6
Connecticut	248.7	255.4	257.2	258.2	260.7	262.2	271.7	270.3	276.7	280.2	278.0	278.1
Maine	276.5	278.2	280.0	281.3	285.1	289.3	303.6	303.6	306.1	304.3	302.3	296.3
Massachusetts	261.8	267.0	267.8	273.0	280.0	285.5	289.3	295.4	296.7	299.8	302.0	303.8
New Hampshire	265.1	269.6	270.6	272.7	277.0	285.2	295.0	299.1	299.6	299.1	301.2	301.0
Rhode Island	297.8	298.8	296.8	322.3	326.1	328.2	348.8	343.2	342.6	349.5	352.6	350.0
Vermont	266.3	273.2	276.3	279.9	283.4	291.9	305.1	313.8	314.7	320.0	320.5	322.3
Central Atlantic (PADD IB)	280.6	287.1	289.7	297.6	303.2	310.9	325.2	328.1	327.7	328.7	328.9	330.2
Delaware	266.8	269.7	270.3	276.5	280.0	286.1	300.7	301.2	301.9	307.1	308.6	308.6
Maryland	264.6	268.9	271.1	276.4	288.5	293.8	308.6	311.4	309.6	312.4	310.8	311.5
New Jersey	316.2	327.0	330.9	348.7	352.8	361.8	377.0	380.5	379.8	375.7	379.3	385.4
New York	270.1	275.8	278.0	280.5	283.5	294.4	309.2	312.0	312.2	312.4	312.3	312.2
Pennsylvania	287.0	295.6	300.0	308.0	313.2	320.5	332.5	337.4	337.0	337.7	335.4	335.1
Lower Atlantic (PADD IC)	244.5	248.8	252.5	257.4	262.2	273.3	296.4	301.5	303.4	298.4	295.1	295.9
North Carolina	241.4	246.2	249.1	253.4	260.8	272.4	293.9	294.3	298.3	294.2	294.1	293.3
Virginia	247.6	251.4	255.9	261.3	263.6	274.1	298.8	308.7	308.5	302.6	296.0	298.4
Midwest (PADD II)	180.6	184.4	185.9	188.4	195.7	203.0	213.4	212.3	212.0	212.7	214.0	213.7
Indiana	204.2	209.4	210.6	212.1	218.8	232.5	244.9	247.7	248.6	249.6	250.8	251.7
Iowa	163.0	164.7	163.8	165.4	171.9	177.8	184.6	182.0	181.7	181.4	184.4	185.0
Kentucky	202.8	209.3	212.2	217.3	219.3	226.9	242.2	245.1	241.9	244.8	247.1	246.9
Michigan	198.0	200.9	204.5	207.4	216.8	226.3	234.6	235.1	234.4	234.1	232.0	230.2
Minnesota	181.6	185.8	187.4	189.0	194.5	199.4	212.1	206.1	206.8	206.5	208.0	208.3
Missouri	175.0	179.1	176.9	179.6	189.5	194.7	206.8	208.3	207.2	207.2	209.5	208.9
Nebraska	151.6	155.9	158.8	162.1	170.3	173.8	182.5	176.8	178.0	179.5	184.4	185.2
North Dakota	164.2	169.5	171.3	173.6	178.3	187.0	196.7	194.1	192.8	192.4	192.2	193.5
Ohio	204.3	206.1	207.5	210.7	229.6	236.0	252.7	254.2	255.9	256.6	252.3	248.9
South Dakota	170.1	171.4	173.2	174.9	177.6	186.7	190.6	188.8	188.6	188.8	192.6	192.0
Wisconsin	171.6	175.8	177.7	179.5	185.3	191.3	199.0	196.5	196.5	198.4	201.0	200.3

Source: Based on data collected by State Energy Offices.