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Statement of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Regarding Raised Bill 5467 An Act Concerning The Coordination of Energy Efficiency Programs

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) supports the intent of RB 5467 to improve the coordination and increase the collaboration between the various alternative energy programs. We provide the following specific comments:

- Sections 2(a) and 7(b) allow the electric distribution companies' Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund ("the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund" or "CEEF") to receive any federal or other funds for conservation and load management and renewable resources. The CCEF takes exception to this provision as we do not understand why any money available to further support renewable energy would go to the Energy Efficiency Fund rather than to the Clean Energy Fund.
- Section 2(b) describes how the natural gas subaccount of the CEEF will be funded annually with up to \$10 million of excess public service company gross receipts tax revenue. Because some of the CEEF's renewable projects, such as solar thermal systems, will save more than one fuel resource, including natural gas, the CCEF believes that a portion of this annual funding should be provided to the CCEF in order to further such fuel-saving projects. The CCEF notes that section 2(b) could be an appropriate place to describe such an allocation.
- Section 3(a) directs the deliverable fuels administrator, the natural gas companies, and the electric distribution companies to submit to the Department of Public Utility Control "...plans to integrate and coordinate conservation and renewable energy resources..." The CCEF volunteers its renewable energy expertise to this process. The CCEF recommends that it be added to section 3(a) and that it be allowed reimbursement of its associated costs under section 3(c).
- Section 8 (e) (15) adds a representative of the ECMB to the REIB. We recommend adding language that prohibits the ECMB representative from voting on matters unrelated to its industry. This addition would parallel similar language found in Section 1 of the bill relating to the addition of an REIB representative to the ECMB.

We thank you for the opportunity to testify.