

I am in favor of Bill HB6544 specifically because it will require utilities to provide usage data for non-residential customers in EnergyStar Portfolio Manager Format. This is a basic requirement for many formats of energy management and becoming the national standard. Our town was honored as the first New England town to complete the EPA Green Power Partnership Agreement. We were awarded a 9 kW solar array for our school because we fought to attain from CL&P a customized report that matched the EPA requirement. Since then we have been entitled to attend workshops that describe techniques for monitoring success, negotiating budgets and making improvements that are based on the Energy Star PM Format. The problem is that these processes, and even our standing as a GPP, require ongoing reporting and it is difficult to repeatedly request (now) custom reports.

Currently we are exploring the possibility of combining with other towns to develop performance contracts on municipal buildings. Many are historic and have dated technologies. If we are to use the full potential of the GPP Program, the other towns (currently Kent and Sharon) will require access to similar data. Please submit this request that EnergyStar Portfolio Manager Format be a standard in Connecticut and that opportunities for statewide performance contracting be made available.

Sincerely,

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