

TESTIMONY OF
UIL HOLDINGS CORPORATION
Before the Energy & Technology Committee
On
RAISED BILL 1169 AN ACT CONCERNING ROAD CUTS
Legislative Office Building
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Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello and members of the Energy & Technology Committee. My name is Christopher Malone and I am the Director of Operations for The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG) and Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG).

I am submitting testimony for UIL Holdings Corporation, on behalf of its operating companies, The United Illuminating Company (UI), SCG and CNG on Raised Bill 1169 AN ACT CONCERNING ROAD CUTS.

In general, UIL Holdings does not oppose the concept of the bill. Currently public service companies take out permits for all excavations as may be required by local ordinance. Road cuts are necessary for the maintenance of underground utility facilities and for emergency repair of such facilities. All excavations and repair of the roads are done in accordance to the conditions of the permit and applicable ordinances and regulations. The operating Companies of UIL stand behind their work and are only a phone call away to correct any problems that appear after we have left the site. Therefore, UIL would like to suggest an amendment to the bill to improve its efficiency and eliminate duplication of effort.

Since all public service companies currently must take out a permit for all excavations and such permits identify when, where and which Company or its authorized contractor made the road cut. We suggest that this bill be amended to allow the permit be used to comply with the Bill's notification requirement for a temporary patch. The company would then be responsible for notifying the municipality of when the permanent patch is complete.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation on behalf of UIL. We stand ready to work with this Committee to address the concerns that are raised and considered in the discussion of this Bill.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further please call Carlos Vázquez, UIL's Senior Director of Government Relations at your convenience at 203-521-2455.