

**Comments
of
UIL Holdings Corporation**

**Re:
Raised Bill No. 6592**

**AN ACT CONCERNING
THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL**

Energy & Technology Committee

**Legislative Office Building
March 15, 2011**

UIL Holdings Corporation (UIL) submits these comments on Raised Bill No. 6592, AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL.

Section 12(a)(2) of this legislation would amend section 16-41 of the general statutes to provide for the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) to order a public service company and other listed entities to “make restitution of any sums” obtained in violation of any section of Title 16 of the general statutes, “or any regulation, rule or order” under Title 16, and to “provide disgorgement of any sums” obtained in such violation. The Bill provides that the DPUC can order such remedy any time the DPUC holds an investigation and determines that such a violation occurred.

UIL opposes this Bill, which would allow the DPUC to make decisions that are presently entrusted to the courts. The Bill would allow the DPUC to bypass the procedural and evidentiary requirements that govern our judicial system, would allow the DPUC to bypass legal defenses, and enable the DPUC to make decisions on unlimited dollar amounts. The Bill sets no limits on the type of claims, the nature of the violations or the potential claimants. Adjudicating private consequences of claimed statutory violations is a function for the courts.

If the members of the Committee have any questions concerning these comments, please contact Carlos Vazquez, UIL's Senior Director of Government Relations, at (203) 499-2825 or 203-521-2455.