



**Connecticut
Light & Power**

The Northeast Utilities System



The Northeast Utilities System

**TESTIMONY OF RICHARD A. SODERMAN
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
and YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY**

**Energy and Technology Committee
February 24, 2011**

***Re: S.B. No. 1024 (RAISED) AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAWS.***

Good afternoon. My name is Richard Soderman, and I am Director of Legislative Policy and Strategy for Northeast Utilities Service Company, appearing on behalf of the Connecticut Light and Power Company and Yankee Gas Services Company.

Section (2) of the proposed bill would clarify for public service companies when a document is considered filed with the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) and eliminate the need for a paper version of a filing sent electronically.

We support the provision in the proposed bill that provides relief from an existing requirement that, when an entity makes an electronic filing with the DPUC, it must also make a paper filing after the fact.

We make nearly all of our filings at the DPUC electronically, and they are uploaded to the DPUC's web site and easily accessible to parties and the public. This represents tens of thousands of pages in dozens of dockets every year. The cost that we spend to reproduce and transport filings to the Department is substantial. This bill would reduce the cost of serving hard copies, especially related to discovery during a proceeding, and would have positive environmental impacts as well by reducing paper usage and transportation. We support this provision.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.