

**Comments of  
UIL Holdings Corporation  
Re:  
Raised Senate Bill 1024  
AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAWS  
  
Before the Energy & Technology Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
February 24, 2011**

UIL Holdings Corporation (UIL), on behalf of its utility companies, The United Illuminating Company (UI), The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG) and Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG), submits these comments in support of the provisions contained in **Raised Senate Bill 1024, AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAWS** that apply to electronic filings filed with the Department of Public Utility Control ("DPUC").

**Section 2 of the RSB1024** provides that the date and time of filing of a document with the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) shall be the date that the Department first receives a complete electronic or paper version of such document. The section further provides that the DPUC shall not require paper versions of electronic filings, with some limited exceptions.

The majority of our companies' filings with the DPUC are done electronically. To provide an additional paper version of these filings increases costs to ratepayers in terms of both people and resources, such as paper, postage and delivery costs (couriers). Given the availability of the documents on the DPUC's website to all interested persons and entities once they are electronically filed, a paper copy filed after the electronic version in most circumstances provides little value. The proposed revisions would not totally eliminate the requirement to file a paper copy of an electronic filing. Where circumstances are such that a paper copy is desirable, the DPUC may request a paper copy of the filing, which would be delivered by first class mail. A person who does not have access to a computer may also request a paper copy that would also be delivered in the same manner. While the title of the bill refers to telecommunications laws only, UIL supports RSB 1024 and respectfully suggests that the Committee make Section 2 applicable to all public service companies and others making filings with the Department of Public Utility Control, regardless of industry. Modernizing filings is consistent with current technology, and promotes cost efficiency in all regulated industries.

If the Committee has any questions regarding UIL Holdings Corporation's comments on this bill, please contact UIL's Sr. Director of Government Relations, Carlos Vázquez at 203-521-2455 at your convenience.