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

**Energy and Technology Committee
March 20, 2012**

**RE: SB 451 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEATING FURNACE AND
BOILER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.**

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

The proposed bill establishes a low income furnace and boiler replacement program. We support this bill because it provides an opportunity to lower the costs of energy for customers who are less able to afford it.

We suggest that the bill could be made somewhat clearer if the language regarding the assignability and landlord responsibility provisions (subsections 6 and 7) be established as the intent of the legislation, but leaves the details of implementation of these two intentions to the PURA in case such implementation is too difficult or costly. We believe that the provisions of this bill are reasonable and sound, and we support them.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.