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**Testimony of ClearEdge Power  
Regarding**

**House Bill No. 5587**

***AN ACT CONCERNING SUBMETERING AT APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND CONDOMINIUMS***

**Before the Energy and Technology Committee  
March 7, 2013**

Senator Duff, Representative Reed and members of the Committee:

ClearEdge Power appreciates the opportunity to convey its support for *House Bill No. 5587, An Act Concerning Submetering at Apartment Buildings and Condominiums*.

ClearEdge Power, a company located in South Windsor, CT and Hillsboro, OR employs approximately 444 people in the development, design, production and service of fuel cells for use in stationary power and transportation. ClearEdge Power supports the proposed changes within House Bill No. 5587, "An Act Concerning Submetering at Apartment Buildings and Condominiums".

Today ClearEdge Power is producing fuel cells for stationary applications for energy generation with system efficiencies approaching 90%. Through the use of combined heat and power, our stationary fuel cells produce no combustion, minimal noise and ultra-low criteria air pollutants.

Connecticut regulation currently allows submetering of electricity in very limited situations. Expansion of electric submetering regulations to allow all multifamily properties to implement submetering in conjunction with the use of Class I distributed generation onsite would dramatically reduce energy costs for the tenants and building owners in the State. Mixed-use and multifamily residential buildings, which have a consistent need for electricity, heat and hot water, are a prime market for stationary fuel cells with combined heat and power (CHP).

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 5587. The successful passage of this bill will adequately promote the use of clean energy in all commercial building sectors by properly updating the metering regulations for multifamily properties to more sufficiently align with state and federal clean energy objective. We would be pleased to provide any information to the Committee and the staff in support of the consideration of this bill.

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