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Regulation Review Committee
Room 011
State Capital
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Submission of Proposed Regulations for Early Consideration on November 26, 2013

Dear Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the Regulations Review Committee:

I wish to thank you for granting the Department's request for early consideration and respectfully submit for your review and approval, the Department's proposed amendments to Section 22a-174-31 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, entitled Control of Carbon Dioxide Emissions.

The Department currently regulates carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel electricity generating units under section 22a-174-31 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA). Pursuant to Section 22a-200c of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), section 22a-174-31 of the RCSA implements Connecticut's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a regional carbon dioxide emissions cap and trade program involving the New England States, New York, Maryland, and Delaware. The proposal seeks to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide from the electricity generating sector and provide economic benefit to the electric ratepayers of the State of Connecticut through investments in energy efficiency measures and the development of renewable energy sources.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Jaimeson Sinclair of the Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy at 860-827-2642. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner

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