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RE: H.B. No. 6958, AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL GAS CONTRACTING

Eversource Energy thanks the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 6958.

This proposed bill would require the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (the “Authority”) to conduct a study regarding “natural gas contracting”, and to report the results of that study to the Energy and Technology Committee no later than July 1, 2016.

Eversource supports efforts by the Authority to study natural gas contracting, but it needs additional information about this Bill’s scope and purpose in order to better understand what subject matter this proposed study seeks to examine and what objectives it seeks to accomplish. Therefore any legislation drafted should provide this additional clarification.

Eversource also believes that the proposed study should be conducted as part of a transparent adjudicatory process that allows comment and sworn testimony from the various interested stakeholders.

Eversource looks forward to working with the Authority and other stakeholders in the evaluation of this topic. Thank you.