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Energy and Technology Committee
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RE: Proposed H.B. No. 6990, AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITIES OF THE FUTURE

Eversource Energy thanks the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 6990. Eversource is committed to finding ways to support Connecticut's energy goal of providing cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy resources to the citizens of our state.

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

Eversource conceptually supports efforts by the Authority to study utilities of the future, 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 issue.

Thank you.