

**Testimony on Any Legislation dealing with the Fixed Rate for Electricity  
Energy & Technology Committee**

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Co-Chair Doyle, Co-Chair Reed, Committee Members and staff, on behalf of the Portland Clean Energy Task Force I would like to signal our unanimous support for establishing a \$10 fixed rate cap for CT residential electricity users. People who have taken efforts to go solar and reduce their energy usage will Thank You for championing this initiative.

We co-signed the letter from the CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs & the Acadia Center concerning this issue, and would ask that you seriously consider their guidance as the session continues.

On a personal note, I find it odd and disturbing that the CT Utilities are calling for a drastic increase in the fixed rate. They seem to be sending the message that they either don't know or don't care how counter-productive this increase is to the goals of the energy efficiency funds of which they are stewards.

Unless the utilities can show a new business model emphasizing energy efficiency and renewable energy, perhaps it is time to explore putting a non-profit, 3<sup>rd</sup> party alternative in charge.

Sincerely,

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