

**Testimony
of
UIL HOLDINGS CORPORATION
Before The
FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
Re
Raised House Bill No. 5592: An Act Concerning Connecticut First**

March 9, 2016

Good afternoon Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger, members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. My name is Alan A. Trotta, Director of Wholesale Power Contracts for UIL Holdings Corporation. UIL Holdings Corporation (“UIL” or the “Company”) submits these comments on the raised bill referenced above. UIL’s comments are focused specifically on Section 4(b) of the bill (lines 382 – 391), which modifies certain aspects of the small renewables program codified in Sections 16-244r and 16-244s of the general statutes (the “ZREC program”) to provide a bidding preference for qualifying brownfield projects. UIL’s comments are narrowly focused on what I believe to be simply a technical correction. Lines 382 – 391 are included below, and the specific language that is the subject of this testimony is underlined:

On and after July 1, 2017, systems up to seven hundred fifty kilowatts in size located on a brownfield, as defined in section 32-760, or a solid waste disposal area, as defined in section 22a-260, provided such brownfield or solid waste disposal area has been remediated in accordance with applicable law and regulations and the standards of remediation of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall receive a bid preference of ten per cent for the purpose of competitive bid evaluation by the electric distribution company, with such bids being evaluated as if they were ten per cent lower than other submitted bids.

The underlined language does not provide a 10% bid preference. Rather, it ensures that qualifying brownfield projects will be selected by evaluating them as if they are ten per

cent lower than other submitted projects. As written, a \$250 offer from a qualifying brownfield project would be deemed to be 10% lower than a competitive offer of \$100 from a non-brownfield resource, and the selection of such brownfield bid would cost customers 150% more than selecting the competitive \$100 bid. I suggest that the language be modified to say “with such bids being evaluated as if they were ten per cent lower than their actual submitted bid prices.” This change would result in a qualifying brownfield bid of \$100 being evaluated as if it were \$90, which is what I believe to be the intent of providing a 10% bidding preference.

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