

**TESTIMONY**  
**OF**  
**UIL HOLDINGS CORPORATION**

Regarding

**Proposed Senate Bill 106**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES**  
**AND ACHIEVING CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED**  
**LEVELS**

**Proposed S.B. No. 630**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**

**Proposed H.B. No. 6547**  
**AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT GREEN PLAN AND RESOURCE USE**  
**INVENTORY FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**Before the**  
**Energy & Technology Committee**

**Legislative Office Building**  
**February 7, 2017**

Good afternoon Chairmen Winfield and Formica, Chairwoman Reed, Ranking Member Hoydick and members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is Roddy Diotalevi and I am the Senior Director of Sales & External Relations for UIL Holdings Corporation (UIL), the parent company for The United Illuminating Company (UI), The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG), and Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG). I thank you for this opportunity to offer these comments regarding **Proposed Senate Bill 106, AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND ACHIEVING CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED LEVELS, Proposed S.B. No. 630, AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, and Proposed H.B. No. 6547, AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT GREEN PLAN AND RESOURCE USE INVENTORY FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE..**

First, UIL supports proposed HB 6547 to develop best practices for the placement of energy infrastructure. Like the Long Island Sound Blue Plan which was developed by a coalition of stakeholders, UI is eager to be a key contributor in the creation of the Green Plan.

UIL also supports the concept of proposed S.B. 630, **AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.** As Chairperson Katie Dykes and Consumer Counsel Elin Katz stated during the Energy & Technology meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>, UIL is in agreement of the need to transition to a cleaner electric system while maintaining affordable electric costs. Without any specifics contained in the proposed bill, including the magnitude of the increase to the renewable portfolio standard or the definition of what would constitute a Class I, II, or III renewable energy resource, it is difficult to offer further comments. UIL looks forward to being an active participant in the

stakeholder process to amend or expand renewable energy opportunities while maintaining the appropriate balance between Connecticut's energy, environmental and economic goals.

Finally regarding proposed SB 106, **AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND ACHIEVING CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED LEVELS**, UIL fully recognizes the value that zero-carbon electric generating facilities provide to our state and the region but is concerned with certain aspects of the proposed bill. It is indisputable that Millstone Power Station provides Connecticut with affordable and reliable power while helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. What isn't as clear is whether Millstone, or other existing facilities who are currently receiving revenues in the competitive markets, needs additional financial support. Consistent with our past position, UIL remains concerned about the impact that these above-market payments will have on ratepayers and the negative effects that a long term obligation and financial liability would have on the utility. UIL believes that if a mechanism to provide additional financial support for zero-carbon generating facilities is warranted, a rate mechanism or other regulatory solution can be utilized to achieve the goals of this proposed bill through a collaborative process involving UIL and other stakeholders.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.