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PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Energy and Technology Committee

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PURA Position:

Marissa P. Gillett, Chairman
Neutral

Raised S.B. No. 882 – An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation and Home Energy Affordability

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding **An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation and Home Energy Affordability, S.B. No. 882**. While the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA or the Authority) does not, at this time, take a position on the proposed legislation, the Authority respectfully requests one modification to the language for the reasons discussed below.

Requested Modifications to Section 2, subsection (h)

The Authority respectfully requests the following **bolded** modification:

(2) The authority shall review such contract dispute brought pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The authority **[shall] may** decide any such contract dispute by issuing a declaratory ruling or a final decision in a contested case proceeding, and may order legal and equitable remedies. Any party to the contract shall have the right to appeal to the Superior Court from any such declaratory ruling or final decision issued pursuant to this section.

PURA proposes the substitution of the word “may” for “shall” in the second sentence to clarify that the Authority may elect not to intervene in certain contract disputes submitted to the Authority. In particular, contract disputes that have limited general applicability or are not related to specific energy or utility matters within the Authority’s purview may be more efficiently addressed through the contract’s dispute resolution provisions, including by arbitration or complaint in Superior Court, if applicable. In those cases, the Authority may decide its intervention is not warranted, and the proposed language would provide the Authority the right, but not the obligation, to rule on a particular contract dispute.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact Taren O’Connor at 860-827-2689(o), 860-999-3498(c) or by email at: taren.oconnor@ct.gov.

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