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LCO No. 3920, An Act Concerning Emergency Response by Electric Distribution Companies and Revising the Regulation of Other Public Utilities

Chair Needleman and Chair Arconti, Vice Chair Lesser and Vice Chair Allie-Brennan, Ranking Members Formica and Ferraro, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

Key Capture Energy (KCE) is an Albany, NY based energy storage development company with a focus on utility-scale battery storage projects in the United States. KCE has been actively engaged in clean energy development in Connecticut and testified on March 5, 2020 in support of House Bill 5351, An Act Concerning Certain Programs and to Incentivize and Implement Electric Storage Resources, and Senate Bill 10, An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations Regarding Climate Change. Please find the testimony KCE provided attached.

KCE understands that LCO No. 3920 pertains to emergency response by electric distribution utilities. However, KCE requests the committee’s consideration of previous bills taken up by the Legislature, which have the potential to kickstart the state’s energy storage industry and provide necessary enhancements to the electric grid.

Given the numerous benefits that energy storage can provide to the State, including increased grid reliability and resilience as well as integration of renewable energy resources, KCE encourages the Energy and Technology Committee to consider House Bill 5351, Senate Bill 10, and Raised Senate Bill 181, An Act Requiring the Study of Energy Storage Systems, in addition to other matters related to energy storage in the coming session. These bills are opportunities to jumpstart the energy storage industry in Connecticut, providing benefits to ratepayers and grid enhancements while aligning with other State clean energy policies and proceedings.

We look forward to continued engagement in Connecticut as the State develops its energy storage policies.

Respectfully submitted,

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