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February 13, 2018

Dear Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors:

We have a special meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Colonel Albert Pope Board Room of the Connecticut Green Bank at 845 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

On the agenda we have the following:

- Consent Agenda approval of the meeting minutes for January 26, 2018 and report outs on cash flow projections by month for FY 2018 and annually for FY 2019.
- Legislative Business As you know, the Governor recently proposed in his FY 2019 budget, a restoration of the Clean Energy Fund (i.e., \$14 million) and RGGI (i.e., \$10 million), which, if passed, would restore the Connecticut Green Bank in FY 2019.

We are going to focus the meeting on a discussion with regards to Governor's Bill No. 9 – An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future. In an effort to continue supporting the Connecticut Green Bank, the Governor's energy bill proposes to increase the Clean Energy Fund by an additional mill – to two mills (or \$54 million a year) – with a sunset of the Clean Energy Fund by the end of 2025. We would like to present an alternative policy proposal and get the Board of Director's guidance on a pathway forward.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

We look forward to seeing you later on this week.

Sincerely,

Bryan Garcia

President and CEO



AGENDA

Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank 845 Brook Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Thursday, February 15, 2018 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Staff Invited: George Bellas, Craig Connolly, Mackey Dykes, Brian Farnen, Bryan Garcia, Ben Healey, Dale Hedman, Bert Hunter, Sue Kaswan, Kerry O'Neill, Eric Shrago, and Kim Stevenson

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Public Comments 5 minutes
- 3. Consent Agenda 5 minutes
- 4. Legislative Business 50 minutes
- 5. Adjourn

Next Regular Meeting: Friday, April 27, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Connecticut Green Bank, 845 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT



RESOLUTIONS

Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank 845 Brook Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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Resolution #1

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for January 26, 2018.

4. Legislative Business – 50 minutes

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2017, a veto-proof bipartisan budget was approved that swept \$173 million of ratepayer and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds over FY 2018 and FY 2019 to the General Fund, including \$125 million from the Conservation and Load Management Fund (C&LMF), \$28 million from the Clean Energy Fund (CEF), and \$20 million from RGGI;

WHEREAS, in response to the sweeps, on December 15, 2017 the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank approved of a budget mitigation strategy consistent with the Sustainability Pathway Strategy;

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2018, Governor Malloy released to the Connecticut General Assembly his proposed budget revisions which included a restoration of the CEF and RGGI for FY 2019;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2018, Governor Malloy released his proposed energy legislation, "An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future," which proposes to increase the CEF to 2 mills with a sunset of the entire CEF by the end of FY 2025; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2018, the senior staff of the Connecticut Green Bank have brought forth an alternative proposal for the review and guidance by its Board of Directors.

NOW, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has directed staff of the Connecticut Green Bank to propose an alternative to the Governor's proposed energy legislation that would include the following features:

- 1. Requiring that the legislature, when considering future sweeps of the system benefit funds, conduct a ratepayer impact statement to assess the implications of sweeps; and
- 2. Strengthening of the Connecticut Green Bank's non-impairment statute which protects the rights of counterparties engaging in contractual relationships with the Green Bank.
- 5. Adjourn

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Board of Directors Meeting



Board of Directors Agenda Item #1 Call to Order



Board of Directors Agenda Item #2 Public Comments



Board of Directors Agenda Item #3 Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

Resolution 1

- Meeting Minutes approval of meeting minutes of January 26,
 2018
- <u>Cash Flow Projections</u> memo and monthly projections through FY 2018 and then annually for FY 2019
- Update on SHREC status on recent RFP



Board of Directors Agenda Item #4 Legislative Business

Policy Objectives



Legislative Session

- Objectives the following are our policy objectives:
 - Legislative Leaders meet with as many key legislative leaders and their staffs as we can to educate them about the CGB – impact of sweeps, detraction of private investment, financial position, etc.
 - Office of Fiscal Analysis educate staff about CGB quarterly filings and financial statements (e.g., CGB does not have \$130 million in unrestricted cash)
 - Office of Legislative Research support Representative Lonnie Reed's production of an OLR report on the CGB (i.e., breakdown of annual sources of funds, sweeps, impact, etc.)
 - Public Policy (1) to support the restoration of RGGI, (2) support the restoration of the system benefit funds, and (3) prevent "deeper" sweeps.

Policy Objectives Legislative Session (cont'd)

- Leadership and Advocates steady progress from political leaders and advocates, including:
 - Governor proposed in current two-year budget, which has modest deficits, restoring RGGI (\$10 MM) and CEF (\$14 MM) in FY 2019
 - Legislators pressing to restore sweeps
 - Advocates Efficiency for All,
 Acadia Center, Solar CT, REEBA, CT
 Fund for the Environment,
 Environment CT, and others

HARTFORD BUSINESS COM



House coalition wants reversal of energy funds raid

By Matt Pilon February 13, 2018





Lawmakers urge reversing clean-energy cuts, but lack budget fix

By Keith Phaneuf February 13, 2018





Lawmakers Express Remorse Over Energy Fund Sweeps

> By Christine Stuart February 13, 2018

Governor's Bill No. 9



Overview

- Overview sets an aggressive pathway towards building a clean energy economy through energy and climate leadership – delivering on GWSA and GC3...zero carbon grid (e.g., EE, RE, etc.), EV's, and RTT's.
- Energy Efficiency advancing a number of policies, including:
 - System Benefit Funds transferring 3 mills from C&LMF to CAM to protect from sweeps
 - Competitive Procurement allowing up to 25 MW of EE procurement a year (equivalent to 3 mills)
 - Electric Efficiency Partner Program set aside \$60 million a year on non-EDC administered EE program
 - Fuel Blind Energy Consumption Target established a 1.6 million MMBtu energy consumption reduction target (equal to 30,000 ASHP or 27,000 GSHP per year at 100% of load for residential end-users).

Governor's Bill No. 9 Overview (cont'd)



- Renewable Energy advancing a number of policies, including:
 - Class I RPS increasing it to 40% by 2030 with a decrease in the ACP to \$40
 - Residential Solar PV Expansion transition beyond net metering following 300 MW RSIP, towards an additional 400 MW through tariff to ensure sustained orderly development of local solar industry
 - Commercial and Industrial Expansion transition beyond net metering following conclusion of ZREC-LREC to support more "cost effective" tariff-based structure delivering an additional 500-600 MW, including VNM and SCEF as well.
- Connecticut Green Bank protecting to accelerate selfsufficiency, including:
 - Mill Increase proposes increasing CEF by an additional mill (i.e., \$27 million per year for 6 years – or \$162 million additional funds)
 - Sunset proposes sunsetting the entire CEF by the end of FY 2025

Alternative Proposal Senior Staff Recommendation



- No Sunset of System Benefit Fund focus on protecting the system benefit funds from being swept;
- System Benefit Fund Assessment require the legislature to conduct an assessment on how any proposed sweeps impact the Connecticut Green Bank, its operations (including bankruptcy, solvency, covenants, etc.), and our bond credit rating; and
- Non-Impairment clarify and strengthen the language on nonimpairment in the statute which protects the rights of counterparties engaged in contractual arrangements with the Connecticut Green Bank.

Draft Policy LanguageSystem Benefit Fund Assessment



The System Benefit Fund Assessment provision would be new language added to Conn. General Statutes Section 16-245n (the Green Bank's existing enabling legislation), as follows:

(NEW) Subsection (k) to read as follows:

- (k) (i) No transfer or withdrawal of funds shall be made from the undesignated funds of the clean energy fund unless and until the legislative committee of cognizance conducts an assessment of the impact of such transfer or withdrawal on the financial stability and sustainability of such funds.
- (ii) No transfer or withdrawal of funds shall be made from the undesignated funds of the bank unless and until the legislative committee of cognizance conducts an assessment of the impact of such transfer or withdrawal on the ability of the bank to perform its essential public and governmental function and the bond credit rating of the bank, if applicable.

Draft Policy Language



Non-Impairment

The bolstered non-impairment language as provided for in Conn. General <u>Statutes Section</u> 16-245n that will further protect the Green Bank from sweeps is set forth <u>below (new language is underscored):</u>

- (h) (i) The state of Connecticut does hereby pledge to and agree with any person with whom the Connecticut Green Bank may enter into contracts pursuant to the provisions of this section that the state will not limit or alter the rights hereby vested in said bank until such contracts and the obligations thereunder are fully met and performed on the part of said bank, provided nothing herein contained shall preclude such limitation or alteration if adequate provision shall be made by law for the protection of such persons entering into contracts with said bank. The pledge provided by this subsection shall be interpreted and applied broadly to effectuate and maintain the bank's financial capacity to perform its essential public and governmental function.
- (ii) The contracts and obligations thereunder of said bank shall be obligatory upon the bank, and the bank may appropriate in each year during the term of such contracts, an amount of money that, together with other funds of the bank available for such purposes, shall be sufficient to pay such contracts and obligations or meet any contractual covenants or warranties, and there shall be included in the charge assessed to each end use customer of electric services, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an amount that, together with other funds of the bank available for such purposes, shall be sufficient to meet such appropriation.



Board of Directors Agenda Item #5 Adjourn



Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank 845 Brook Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Friday, January 26, 2018 9:00-11:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the **Connecticut Green Bank (the "Green Bank")** was held on January 26, 2018 at the office of the Connecticut Green Bank, 845 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT, in the Colonel Albert Pope Board Room.

1. Call to order

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Board members participating: Catherine Smith, Rob Klee, Bettina Bronisz, Eric Brown, John Harrity, Gina McCarthy, Reed Hundt (by phone), Betsy Crum (by phone), Tom Flynn (by phone) and Matt Ranelli (by phone).

Members Absent: Kevin Walsh

Staff Attending: George Bellas, Mackey Dykes, Brian Farnen, Bryan Garcia, Dale Hedman, Bert Hunter, Kerry O'Neill, Eric Shrago, Cheryl Samuels, Kim Stevenson, Mike Yu (by phone), Ben Healey (by phone) Nicholas Zuba (by phone), Jane Murphy, Catherine Duncan, Alex Kovtunenko, Anthony Clark, Joe Buonannata, Chris Magalhaes (by phone) and Tyler Magnano.

2. Public Comments – 5 minutes

There were no public comments.

3. Consent Agenda* – 5 minutes

Resolution #1

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting for December 15, 2017. – No discussion. Resolution #1 – John Harrity moves, Gina McCarthy seconds. Unanimous approval.

4. Incentive Business – RSIP/SHREC

SHREC Update Bryan Garcia provided an overview of the Sustainability Plan approved by the Board of Directors at the December 15, 2017 meeting. He stressed that as the CGB operationalizes the plan, that the first priority area of focus is the incentive business where it will be necessary to securitize SHRECs in order to assist with the cash flow

management of the organization. Mike Yu provided an overview of the SHREC securitization. Mike Yu continued with a summary of the 2 concurrent RFPs that are open, one that is for underwriters (proposals due February 2nd, 2018) and the other for independent engineers (proposals due January 29th, 2018). Mike added that CGB has strong proposals coming in from many of the engineers. Mike explained that for internal data management CGB has completed migration of Powerclerk 1 and 2 systems to Solar Anywhere. He added that there would be continued review of the cost model.

Bert Hunter added, this is a big team effort – finance team, Eric Shrago, Brian Farnen, Dale Hedman, George Bellas; CGB has seen great progress made. He explained that there are potential partners with lots of international interest, noting financial institutions from France, Australia, the Netherlands, Korea and Switzerland expected to submit bids and observing that this is evidence that people around the globe are noticing the CGB.

Commissioner Smith questioned the securitization dependent on systems upgrades to make that data available. Eric Shrago confirmed that the green bank is streamlining the data warehouse currently and making progress. Commissioner Smith asked what the timeline for getting securitization in place would be. Bert Hunter explained it would depend on which is better for the green bank to select – a private placement would be faster, but a public markets issuance could stretch the process into August or September. He noted that a bridge facility would be needed if the process isn't concluded until late summer. Commissioner Smith wanted to ensure that all the dependencies are thought through to confirm timing. Bert Hunter responded, absolutely. Bettina Bronisz asked if the CGB is going to be selling Green Bonds. Bert Hunter answered that it depends on applications – and that the potential for a green bond certification is there. To another question from on term, he responded that the maximum term generally would be 15 years, but that for the initial issue since we have less than 15 years to go on the underlying contract with the utilities, the term would be a year or so less. Matt Ranelli asked if there was a SHREC update report. Commissioner Smith responded, no, just the slides. Commissioner Smith added the board will be watching with great interest and expressed thanks to Bert and entire team. Bert Hunter explained that the staff will update Board leadership throughout the process and that updates to the entire board would flow from there.

- 5. Investment Business Clean Energy Finance
- a. C-PACE Transaction Middlefield

Bryan Garcia set additional context for the implementation of the Sustainability Plan and discussed the investment business of the CGB which focuses on clean energy finance, with the focus on achieving cash flows from investments that deliver a 5 percent return based on a 10-year maturity term generating revenues to the CGB while lowering operating expenses to breakeven point within 4-7 years.

Mackey Dykes presented two C-PACE deals. The first is a 20-year 6.25% solar PV project in Middlefield, CT at Powder Ridge ski lodge. Mackey explained that there are non-standard issues with the project, specifically the size makes it a bit riskier (just under 1 MW). Mackey added that the project scaled back, almost in half, and that although this is a new business

(purchased in 2013) staff had obtained a guarantee from parent company (Brownstone), who has been in business much longer and has a very successful recreation business. Mackey clarified that this special use of the property (skiing and recreation) could be an issue if foreclosed.

John Harrity questioned how the new tariff on solar panels would impact this. Mackey Dykes explained that CGB believes the contractor has secured all the equipment but will investigate and report back. Commissioner Smith asked Mackey what he thought about the issue generally. Bryan Garcia explained that on the residential side CGB asked Solar CT about the tariff and they thought minimal change on the residential solar side would be seen (i.e., about \$0.10-\$0.15 per installed watt), and that we would see a bigger impact on C&I and utility scale. Dale added that many American solar companies expected this tariff and were able factor it into pricing already. Mackey Dykes confirmed that there was more worry on the C&I side because of the reduction of tax rate and expiration of ZREC.

Matt Ranelli questioned if this would be positive cash flows every year and Mackey confirmed this. Commissioner Smith asked if there was a loan loss reserve. Bert Hunter said there indeed was, meaning that the Green Bank establishes a provision for loan loss against all of our investments.

Mackey Dykes proposed an edit to the resolution, stating that typically there is a 120-day cap on approval; and he wanted to ask for 180 days because there is an SBA loan and needed to obtain consent for it, which would be the first time doing that. Mackey Dykes then thanked the team, acknowledged that they have been working on this project for 2 years. Gina McCarthy noted that investing in clean energy that produces snow for ski resorts given the state of climate change in New England was something to be conscious of. Commissioner Smith noted that the business on the property also includes year-round outdoor activity but noted that Gina McCarthy's point was an important one to raise to the staff.

Commissioner Klee moves, John Harrity seconds. Unanimous approval

Mackey presented a second CPACE transaction, for 6 Shaws Cove in New London.

Matt Ranelli said that there are a few years of a small amount of negative cash flow. He questioned if CGB should offer projects to sculpt the PACE payment to have all positive years. Mackey responded that the team didn't do it on this one, but we can go back to the property owner - if they are interested. Mackey and Matt agreed that on a go-forward basis, CGB will investigate this question. Commissioner Klee moves and John Harrity seconded.

Anthony Clark discussed C-PACE New Construction Guidelines. He explained that many might recall that CGB was able to pass C-PACE legislation last session that allows for new construction projects to be allowed access to the C-PACE benefit assessment. He continued, the CGB is proposing to draft guidelines that will need to go through public comment through the Connecticut Law Journal. He added that CGB has several projects in the pipeline that want

to use C-PACE financing that we are looking to close in the spring.

Anthony Clark proposed a 2-year pilot to evolve CPACE, regarding the new construction guidelines. Anthony stated that CT benefits from being able to follow the lead of other states who already have this. Anthony encouraged not waiting on a retrofit opportunity, but rather getting the property better from the start; he confirmed that there are already a few potential projects in the pipeline and that pilot methodology is not the standard SIR calculation. Anthony clarified that maximum CPACE financing allowed is \$1.5M.

Matt Ranelli asked if Anthony Clark looked at the state high performance building code. Matt recommended modeling software and questioned why we are only looking for 10% better than baseline. Anthony responded, that he did speak with DEEP about the software and that there are 4-5 software options recognized as valid in the space. Anthony explained that using a percentage above code gets very challenging as codes change. Commissioner Klee added that he felt this is very interesting and exciting. Commissioner Klee asked if the green bank has broad enough authority under CPACE statute to do this and questioned for new construction, if there is an evaluated the risk pool. Brian Farnen explained the Green Bank received greater clarity last legislative session that CGB does have authority to do new construction.

Commissioner Smith asked if this is more like a traditional bank, pay as you go rather than all upfront financing and underwriting guidelines. Anthony Clark responded that that was correct, and it would require a 30-day public review period for the change. Mackey Dykes added that this is our administrator hat; where we are providing more technical framework and that this would open opportunity for the green bank to do new construction through CPACE lending. Anthony responded that it is an exciting new market opportunity. Gina McCarthy asked about portfolio managers and encouraged the movement of models and standards forward. Anthony Clark expressed that it is a good thing to look at during the 2-year pilot. John Harrity and Betsy Crum add support for the pilot; Betsy added that she's been looking forward to this opportunity for some time. Matt Ranelli responded that he thinks the goal should be above 10%. Anthony Clark explained that the green bank is already seeing that the initial interest might be over 10%; following the lead of other states with the 10%. Commissioner Smith explained that she is cognizant of the risk and is excited. Commissioner Klee moves and John Harrity seconded. Unanimous approval.

Bert Hunter introduced the next matter before the Board, stating that the project, a fuel cell in Danbury, was previously approved by the Board, but noted that as Chris Magalhaes will explain, staff needs additional time to finalize the financing and that due to the budget sweep of Green Bank funds, staff has been working with another investor to share the funding for the transaction. Chris Magalhaes discussed the 3.7 MW fuel cell located at 64 Triangle Street, Danbury, CT. Chris explained that this is a \$14 million project that would be manufactured, owned, operated, and maintained by FCE. Chris added that this would create 30 direct/indirect local jobs, with an expected \$700,000 system sales tax revenue to the state, and up to 1 million dollars in property tax revenue over 20 years to the city of Danbury. Chris continued that this project involves a high efficiency fuel cell that can achieve up to 60% electric power generation system efficiency (compared with 47% in previous configurations).

Chris Magalhaes discussed the financial summary for the Triangle Street Credit Facility. Chris explained that as our funding will go in after completion of the project, there would be no construction risk, there would be unconditional FCE payment and performance guaranty, and

first priority perfected lien on all property assets and cash flows. He added that there would be \$3 million cash collateral available in year 8+ from the Bridgeport fuel cell project, as well as 6.50% expected interest rate with a 1.00% minimum interest rate. Chris clarified that this would be a 20-year term (fully amortizing at 1%) and bullet repayment for all principal outstanding and accrued, but unpaid interest.

Chris discussed the updated approval requests for the Triangle Street Credit Facility. He explained that as Bert Hunter had mentioned, staff is looking for approval of an updated term sheet, which was executed by FCE staff on April 27, 2017 and inclusive of key changes such as using swept cash to pay down principal outstanding immediately (per guidance from the Board). Chris continued that staff is also looking for an extension of the deadline for advance date. The extension would be from December 31, 2017 to May 1, 2018. Chris explained the benefits of extended advance date include more performance data for green bank review and consideration of FCE project development timeline. Chris added that CGB is looking for the ability to sell a portion of credit facility to 3rd party investor(s). Chris explained this would provide flexibility for opportunistic asset sale and value realization and allows the ability of CGB to provide guaranty for portion sold in exchange for additional consideration(s).

John Harrity responded that he is very happy to see a CT manufactured product used in this way. John Harrity moves, Eric Brown seconds. Unanimous approval

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 157 of Public Act No. 12-2 of the June 12, 2012 Special Session of the Connecticut General Assembly and as amended (the "Act"), the Connecticut Green Bank (Green Bank) is directed to, amongst other things, establish a commercial sustainable energy program for Connecticut, known as Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy ("C-PACE"); and

WHEREAS, the Green Bank Board of Directors (the "Board") has approved a \$40,000,000 C-PACE construction and term loan program; and

WHEREAS, the Green Bank seeks to provide a \$2,006,822 construction and (potentially) term loan under the C-PACE program to Powder Ridge Mountain and Resort LLC, the building owner of 99 Powder Hill Road, Middlefield, Connecticut (the "Loan"), to finance the construction of specified clean energy measures in line with the State's Comprehensive Energy Strategy and the Green Bank's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Green Bank may also provide a short-term unsecured loan (the "Feasibility Study Loan") from a portion of the Loan amount, to finance the feasibility study or energy audit required by the C-PACE authorizing statute, and such Feasibility Study Loan would become part of the Loan and be repaid to the Green Bank upon the execution of the Loan documents.

NOW, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the President of the Green Bank and any other duly authorized officer of the Green Bank is authorized to execute and deliver the Loan and, if applicable, a Feasibility Study Loan in an amount not to be greater than one hundred ten percent of the Loan amount with terms and conditions consistent with the memorandum submitted to the

Board dated January 19, 2018, and as he or she shall deem to be in the interests of the Green Bank and the ratepayers no later than 120 days from the date of authorization by the Board of Directors;

RESOLVED, that before executing the Loan, the President of the Green Bank and any other duly authorized officer of the Green Bank shall receive confirmation that the C-PACE transaction meets the statutory obligations of the Act, including but not limited to the savings to investment ratio and lender consent requirements; and

RESOLVED, that the proper the Green Bank officers are authorized and empowered to do all other acts and execute and deliver all other documents and instruments as they shall deem necessary and desirable to effect the above-mentioned legal instruments.

b. C-PACE Transaction – New London

Resolution #3

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WHEREAS, the Green Bank Board of Directors (the "Board") has approved a \$40,000,000 C-PACE construction and term loan program;

WHEREAS, the Green Bank seeks to provide a \$1,307,882 construction and (potentially) term loan under the C-PACE program to 6 Shaw's Cove, LLC., the building owner of 6 Shaw's Cove, New London, Connecticut (the "Loan"), to finance the construction of specified clean energy measures in line with the State's Comprehensive Energy Strategy and the Green Bank's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Green Bank may also provide a short-term unsecured loan (the "Feasibility Study Loan") from a portion of the Loan amount, to finance the feasibility study or energy audit required by the C-PACE authorizing statute, and such Feasibility Study Loan would become part of the Loan and be repaid to the Green Bank upon the execution of the Loan documents.

NOW, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the President of the Green Bank and any other duly authorized officer of the Green Bank is authorized to execute and deliver the Loan and, if applicable, a Feasibility Study Loan in an amount not to be greater than one hundred ten percent of the Loan amount with terms and conditions consistent with the memorandum submitted to the Board of Directors dated January 23, 2018, and as he or she shall deem to be in the interests of the Green Bank and the ratepayers no later than 120 days from the date of authorization by the Board of Directors;

RESOLVED, that before executing the Loan, the President of the Green Bank

and any other duly authorized officer of the Green Bank shall receive confirmation that the C-PACE transaction meets the statutory obligations of the Act, including but not limited to the savings to investment ratio and lender consent requirements; and

RESOLVED, that the proper the Green Bank officers are authorized and empowered to do all other acts and execute and deliver all other documents and instruments as they shall deem necessary and desirable to effect the above-mentioned legal instruments.

c. C-PACE – Proposed Guidelines for New Construction

Resolution #4

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 16a-40g (the "Authorizing Statute") authorizes what has come to be known as the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program ("C-PACE"), the Authorizing Statute designates the Connecticut Green Bank ("CGB") as the state-wide administrator of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Authorizing Statute charges CGB to develop program guidelines governing the terms and conditions under which state and third-party financing may be made available to C-PACE.

NOW, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, the CGB Board of Directors (the "Board") approves the proposed New Construction Pilot, substantially in the form of attached to that certain memo to the Board dated January 19, 2018.

RESOLVED, that the proper Green Bank officers are authorized and empowered to do all other acts and execute and deliver all other documents and instruments as they shall deem necessary and desirable to effect the above-mentioned New Construction Pilot.

d. Fuel Cell Energy – Triangle Project – Danbury

Resolution #6

WHEREAS, FuelCell Energy, Inc., of Danbury, Connecticut ("FCE") has used previously committed funding (the "Bridgeport Loan") from Green Bank to successfully develop a 15 megawatt fuel cell facility in Bridgeport, Connecticut (the "Bridgeport Project"), and FCE has operated and maintained the Bridgeport Project without material incident, is current on payments under the Bridgeport Loan, and has requested financing support from the Green Bank to develop a 3.7 megawatt high efficiency fuel cell project in Danbury, Connecticut (the "Project");

WHEREAS, staff has considered the merits of the Project and the ability of FCE to construct, operate and maintain the facility, support the obligations under the Loan throughout its 20 year life, and as set forth in the due diligence memorandum dated March 10, 2017, has recommended this support be in the form of a term loan not to

exceed \$5,000,000, secured by all project assets, contracts and revenues as well as an unconditional performance and payment guarantee of FCE (the "Term Loan");

WHEREAS, the Green Bank Board of Directors ("Board") has approved the Term Loan, as recommended and requested in the due diligence memorandum dated March 10, 2017:

WHEREAS, staff has set forth in the project qualification memo dated January 26, 2018 requests for the Board to approve updates to the previously-approved Term Sheet, a new deadline for advance of May 1, 2018, and the ability to sell off all, or a portion, of the Term Loan to 3rd party investors and the ability to guaranty all (for a fee or additional consideration), or a portion, of the amount of the Term Loan sold subject to subsequent Board approval on the terms and conditions thereof.

NOW, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Green Bank Board of Directors hereby approves the updated Term Sheet, the new deadline for advance of May 1, 2018, the ability to sell and guaranty portions of the Term Loan to 3rd party investors; and

RESOLVED, that the President of the Green Bank and any other duly authorized officer is authorized to take appropriate actions to make the Term Loan to FCE (or a special purpose entity wholly-owned by FCE) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 with terms and conditions consistent with the memorandum submitted to the Board dated January 26, 2017, and as he or she shall deem to be in the interests of the Green Bank and the ratepayers no later than 180 days from the date of authorization by the Board of Directors; and

RESOLVED, that the proper Green Bank officers are authorized and empowered to do all other acts and execute and deliver all other documents and instruments as they shall deem necessary and desirable to effect the above-mentioned Term Loan.

- 6. Non-Profit Organization Underserved Markets –
- a. Non-Profit Organization Discussion

Bryan Garcia introduced the last piece of the Sustainability Plan, to work with partners to establish a non-profit organization that would provide support for underserved markets (e.g., low to moderate income households) and unconventional credits (e.g., non-profits).

Kerry O'Neill provided an overview of the various issues raised by the members of the BOD over the past 6 months and discussed the pathway forward for the creation of a non-profit organization. Kerry explained that this entity will help CGB lower its operating expenses while also providing the CGB with greater flexibility to access private investment to help increase impact in Connecticut indirectly through a private non-profit.

Brian Farnen clarified that this is not a subsidiary and that CGB is working through ethic's requirements, governance process, bylaws and operating procedures of the Green Bank to enable the transition of existing employees to a non-profit. Brian explained CGB will also work

through this with the office of state ethics to seek out a formal opinion approving of the proposed structure. He added that no matter what is done, we want to ensure we're adhering to both the letter and spirt of the law from an ethics and legal perspective. George Bellas explained the intent is to not have non-profit involved in the audited financials of the Green Bank. Brian Farnen added there is the potential for third party capital money coming into the non-profit in certain ways that would not occur within the Green Bank due to the sweeps of ratepayer funds. Bettina Bronisz had a question about the language talking about current employees when the resolution says former. Brian Farnen clarified that these employees are current now but would be former when transitioned to this non-profit.

Commissioner Smith asked if there is anything in our statute that prevents CGB from giving ratepayer dollars to other entities. Brian Farnen explained that the language says our funds need to be used for clean energy financing within the state of CT only. Commissioner Klee clarified that the DEEP \$5M funds are not ratepayer and are from utility mergers and RGGI administrator funds to be used for clean energy in CT. Reed Hundt asked if it was important that the non-profit is independent and wanted to know what would make it independent. Kerry O'Neill explained that independence is important and that it would be a 501c3, filed as its own legal organization. Reed asked if there would be overlapping board membership. Brian Farnen explained there needs to be a review here to ensure overlapping Board governance does not cause the non-profit to roll up into the Green Bank's financials. Reed Hundt asked what the governance of the non-profit would be and wondered who the CEO and Chair would be. Brian Farnen explained that is to be determined and will need to be presented to the Board as part of a business plan for the proposed structure. Reed added that he is not comfortable giving the President of the Green Bank the authority to establish the entity. Reed explained he felt the question of independence really needs to be answered. Gina McCarthy responded that she felt this is a very transparent decision and we will be very transparent on how to carry it out. Gina explained she wanted to make sure we accomplish what we want with this and doing it legally.

Commissioner Smith clarified that the CGB BOD approval isn't needed for CGB to go to the Office of State Ethics. Reed questioned if everyone in CT knows this is happening. Bryan Garcia responded that CGB staff have had many conversations with the legislators since the sweeps and following on from the Sustainability Plan approved by the board in December. He also noted that there have been many articles in the press, including in Hartford Business Journal and the CT Mirror following the last meeting that have highlighted specifically the CGB's efforts to work with partners establish a non-profit organization. Bryan Garcia referenced the creation of Smart Power by Connecticut Innovations (administrator of the Clean Energy Fund before the CGB) in partnership with several private foundations in 2001 as an example of how there is a history of this being done. Bettina Bronisz questioned if the staff are identified and named. Bryan Garcia explained CGB did communicate to staff of the updates on non-profit.

Eric Brown said he felt strongly that this is a very critical year for the Green Bank and offered to meet with the team that deals with government and public relations. He added we cannot underestimate allowing that cynicism doesn't rule the day. Matt Ranelli suggested to look at legal, ethical opinions. Commissioner Smith motioned to move forward without any resolution today.

7. Other Business

a. Eric and sector heads: Budget & Operations Committee
Eric Shrago provided an overview of what was discussed in the Budget and Operations
Committee. Eric discussed progress to date on our FY 2018 targets (i.e., we are ahead of
target), and proposed only slight changes (e.g., cancellation of AD investment target) to the
targets based on the revised FY 2018 budget approved at the December BOD meeting.

Dale Hedman added that CGB had suspended anaerobic digestion projects indefinitely. Regarding RSIP Dale said, third-party and Smart-E EPBB RSIP has driven EPBB project higher than expected for the 1st two fiscal quarters.

Kerry O'Neill discussed the success of the Smart-E 0.99% offer and how it has engaged with lots of new contractors. Kerry explained that moving forward the focus is to now retain the contractors. She added that PosiGen is seeing approximately 60 projects a month and CGB had to eliminate marketing and outreach support for that program due to budget cuts. Multifamily trend is fewer projects but much higher project size. Kerry clarified that this is not Green Bank capital, and this is MacArthur and Capital for Change money. The program is seeing more corporate portfolios in the market. Kerry thanked Ms. Crum for facilitating a training with the CT Housing Coalition – a green building training for multifamily.

Mackey Dykes discussed the comprehensive plan for the Commercial, Industrial and Institutional sector. Mackey explained that CPACE and Commercial Lease doing well, and that the impact of budget cuts won't be seen this year due to CPACE development timelines. He added that SBEA missed implementation target but work with utilities continue.

Commissioner Klee explained that this will be the last 6-month sector check in before the effects of the budget are more visible on targets. John Harrity moves, Commissioner Klee seconds. Unanimous approval on targets.

Resolution #8

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Green Bank Staff has assessed program and product performance through the second guarter of the fiscal year 2018,

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors Budget and Operations Committee has discussed and reviewed these new targets,

RESOLVED, the Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors approves the fiscal year 2018 target adjustments outlined above.

8. Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Klee and seconded by Bettina Bronisz, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Next Regular Meeting: Friday, April 27, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Connecticut Green Bank, 845 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT

^{*}Denotes item requiring Board action

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Smith, Chairperson



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Memo

To: Connecticut Green Bank (the "Green Bank") Board of Directors

From: George Bellas

CC: Bryan Garcia, Eric Shrago

Date: February 13, 2018

Re: Updated cash flow projections for Investment and Incentive business segments as of January

31, 2018

I am enclosing updated cash flow projection worksheets for the Investment and Incentive business segments of the Green Bank using the cash flow models presented to the Board at the December 2017 meeting. I have expanded the current fiscal year presentation to track cash flows by month. I will expand fiscal year 2019 budget by month with next month's distribution. The fiscal year 2018 monthly presentation includes actual as well as projected data.

I will update the model after the close of each month and forward the Board updated schedules.

In summary:

Cash Balances as of January 31, 2018:

Unrestricted cash:		\$	12,890,952
Restricted cash:			
Federal ARRA funds	\$ 4,861,102		
Proceeds from CSCU CREBs	\$ 9,102,078		
SCRF for CSCU CREBs	\$ 961,960		
Contingency & Reserves for Meriden CREBs	\$ 363,374		
Restricted for Loan Guarantees	\$ 1,294,663		
Energy on the Line	\$ 714,881		
Smart E LLR	\$ 2,788,084		
Health & Safety Revoling Loan Fund	\$ 1,500,000		
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\$ 21,586,141 Total cash on hand : \$ 34,477,093

<u>Attachments</u>

- Attachment A Incentive Business
- Attachment B Investment Business
- Attachment C Investment Pipeline

ATTACHMENT A: Incentive Business

Cash Flow Projections Monthly through FY 2018 and Annually for FY 2019

		By Month									S	ummary			
		Actual		Actual		Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Nov 2017 to		July 2018 to	
		Nov	/-17		Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jı	une 2018	Jı	une 2019
1. Cash On Hand															
[Beginning of month]		\$	-	\$	(770.5)	\$ (1,916.9)	\$ (2,600.8)	\$ (3,261.7)	\$ (4,754.2)	\$ (6,177.7)	\$ (6,290.3)	\$	-	\$	152.9
2. Cash Receipts															
REC Sales - Non-SHREC			-		135.0	-	-	-	-	292.2	-	\$	427.2	\$	839.0
REC Sales - SHREC (not securitized)			597.0		-	148.9	762.6	-	-	1,018.6	-	\$	2,527.0		
SHREC Securitization "release"			-		-	-	-	-	-	-	18,000.0		18,000.0		15,000.0
SBC for Non-SHREC PBIs net of REC 3. Total Cash Receipts			597.0		135.0	148.9	762.6	-	-	1.310.8	3,369.0 21,369.0		3,369.0 24,323.3		3,523.3 19,362.3
4. Total Cash Available			597.0	_	(635.5)				(4,754.2)	,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		24,323.3	_	19,515.2
5. Cash Paid Out	•		00110		(55515)	(1,10010)	(1,55515)	(0,2011)	(1,10112)	(1,50010)			,		
Compensation and Benefits	2 % inflation		125.6		123.7	119.6	138.0	207.0	138.0	138.0	140.5	\$	1,130.3	\$	1,563.2
Interest															
Other administrative expenses	2 % inflation		52.5		41.7	10.0	54.6	54.6	54.6	54.6	54.7	\$	377.3	\$	2,132.9
Total Administrative Expenses			178.1		165.4	129.6	192.6	261.6	192.6	192.6	195.2	\$	1,507.7	\$	3,696.2
Financial Incentives PBI SHREC (40%)			399.0		277.5	197.2	305.5	305.5	305.5	305.5	305.5	\$	2,401.4	\$	4,362.3
Financial Incentives PBI NON SHREC (60%)			598.5		416.2	295.8	497.2	497.2	497.2	497.2	497.0	*	3,796.3		4,362.3
Financial Incentives EPBB			191.9		422.2	210.2	428.2	428.2	428.2	428.2	428.1	\$	2,965.0	\$	5,039.9
Total Incentives			1,189.4		1,115.9	703.2	1,230.9	1,230.9	1,230.9	1,230.9	1,230.6		0,10211	\$	13,764.5
Subtotal			1,367.5		1,281.3	832.8	1,423.5	1,492.5	1,423.5	1,423.5	1,425.8	\$	10,670.3	\$	17,460.7
Reimburse CORE for RSIP expenses paid			-		-	-	-	-	-	-	13,500.0	\$	13,500.0	\$	2,000.0
6. Total Cash Paid Out			1,367.5		1,281.3								24,170.3		19,460.7
7. Net Cash Position			(770.5)		(1,916.9)	(2,600.8)	(3,261.7)	(4,754.2)	(6,177.7)	(6,290.3)	152.9	\$	152.9	\$	54.6

ATTACHMENT B: Investment Business

Cash Flow Projections Monthly through FY 2018 and Annually for FY 2019

							Personnel Re	lated Operating E	xpense Reduction	s from Non-Profit	\$ 1,150
					By M	lonth				Summary	
	Projection	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected	Nov 2017 to	July 2018 to
	Assumptions	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jun 2018	Jun 2019
1. Cash On Hand											
[Beginning of month]		\$13,450.0	\$15,541.8	\$14,262.4	\$15,491.7	\$16,159.5	\$16,150.0	\$15,372.2	\$15,948.5	\$13,450.0	\$11,641.9
2. Cash Receipts											
Receipts based on investments thru FY18	0.10%	243.4	231.3	575.7	347.9	347.9	347.9	347.9	347.7	2,789.7	\$ 5,226.0
RGGi Proceeds and ACP payments		1,276.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,276.8	
Receipts (P&I) on investmentsmade in FY19 and forward	5.00%										
Payment Amortization (Years)	10.00										
SBC, net of sweep		2,058.8	1,947.6	2,133.6	2,334.4	2,099.5	2,057.5	2,011.5	(12,327.1)	2,315.8	12,300.0
Growth rate for SBC	0.00%										
Repayment of WC Loan Advances		-	235.1	-	-	-	-	2,900.0	-	3,135.1	-
Kresge Loan		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.0
DEEP Grant for Low Income and Multifamily		-	-	-	5,000.0	-	-	-	-	5,000.0	-
Repayment of RSIP expenses paid by CORE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,500.0	13,500.0	2,000.0
3. Total Cash Receipts		\$ 3,579.0	\$ 2,414.0	\$ 2,709.3	\$ 7,682.3	\$ 2,447.4	\$ 2,405.4	\$ 5,259.4	\$ 1,520.6	\$ 28,017.4	\$ 22,526.0
4. Total Cash Available	\$0.00	\$ 17,029.0	\$ 17,955.8	\$ 16,971.8	\$ 23,174.0	\$ 18,606.9	\$ 18,555.4	\$ 20,631.6	\$ 17,469.1	\$ 41,467.4	\$ 34,167.9
5. Cash Paid Out											
Compensation and Benefits	2.00%	570.2	571.3	584.6	547.1	820.7	547.1	547.1	550.2	4,738.4	\$ 5,463.4
Interest Expense	,,									•	
Other administrative expenses	2.00%	480.2	555.1	510.8	636.1	636.1	636.1	636.0	636.0	4,726.4	\$ 5,257.0
Financial Incentives - non RSIP		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	265.0	265.0	
Investments per Year	\$ 8,000.00	345.4	476.2	368.8	831.3	1,000.0	2,000.0	3,500.0	5,500.0	14,021.7	\$ 11,000.0
Sale of CPACE Portfolio to Hannon		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,493.0)	(4,493.0)	
Grants to Non-Profit (Transfer from DEEP)		-	-	-	5,000.0	-	-	-	-	5,000.0	
Investments vis a vis Affiliate		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CGB/Affiliate PSA for services											\$ 1,150.0
Subtotal		\$ 1,395.8	\$ 1,602.6	\$ 1,464.2	\$ 7,014.5	\$ 2,456.8	\$ 3,183.2	\$ 4,683.1	\$ 2,458.2	\$ 24,258.5	\$ 22,870.4
Loan Principal Payment (Kresge)											
Capital Purchases											
Payment of Meriden Hydro CREBS P & I		64.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64.0	-
WC advance to CGB Meriden Hydro		27.4	14.0	15.9	-		-		-	57.3	-
Transfer to Restricted Cash - SCRF for CSCU CREBS	3	-	962.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	962.2	-
Transfer to Restricted Cash - Smart E LLR		-	1,114.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,114.5	-
SBC for Non-SHREC PBIs net of REC recovery		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,369.0	3,369.0	3,523.3
6. Total Cash Paid Out		\$1,487.2	\$3,693.3	\$1,480.1	\$7,014.5	\$2,456.8	\$3,183.2	\$4,683.1	\$5,827.2	\$29,825.5	
7. Cash Position		\$15,541.8	\$14,262.4	\$15,491.7	\$16,159.5	\$16,150.0	\$15,372.2	\$15,948.5	\$11,641.9	\$11,641.9	
Required \$4 million cash		,	,	,				,	,		
CORE BUSINESS NET		(\$807.0)	(\$895.1)	(\$519.7)	(\$835.3)	(\$1,108.9)	(\$835.3)	(\$835.2)	(\$838.5)	(\$6,675.1)	\$ (6,644.4)
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ATTACHMENT C: Investment Pipeline

INVESTMENTS	Nov 2017 to 6/30/2018	Funding by Others	Net CGB Cash Requirement	Funded through January 2018	Remaining Funding	Portfolio Sales	Nation/Advisory
Dua mana I aan Aduanaa	Adjusted		•	<u> </u>			Notes/Adjustments
Program Loan Advances	(24,021,683)	10,000,000	(14,021,683)	1,090,734	(12,930,949)	4,492,999	
S&I Programs							
CHP							
Bridgeport Microgrid LLC- Bridgeport Town Hall	(6,537)	-	(6,537)	6,537	-		
CI&I Loan Programs							
CPACE Benefit Assessment Loan Portfolio - Closed Loans	(1,472,999)		(1,472,999)	1,032,545	(440,454)	1,492,999	Sale to Hannon
CPACE Benefit Assessment Loan Portfolio - Pipeline	(4,981,422)		(4,981,422)		(4,981,422)	3,000,000	Sale to Hannon
ESA & CI&I Pilot Programs - Non State LBE projects	(250,000)	-	(250,000)		(250,000)		
CGB SBEA LLC							
Working Capital Loan	(500,000)	500,000	-				Assume funded 100% by Webster Bank
Subordinated Debt	(3,000,000)	3,000,000	-				Assume funded 100% by Webster Bank
Multifamily Programs:							
Predevelopment loan advances Navigator & Sherpa	(310,725)	-	(310,725)	51,652	(259,073)		
Catalyst Fund (preliminary from Kim S \$2MM)	(2,000,000)	2,000,000	-				Possibly funded \$2.5 mm with DEEP funds
Residential Programs:							
Posigen - 2nd Term Loan	(1,500,000)	-	(1,500,000)		(1,500,000)		·
Posigen - 3rd Term Loan	(5,000,000)	2,500,000	(2,500,000)		(2,500,000)		Possibly funded \$2.5 mm with DEEP funds
Clean Energy Financing Programs:							
FCE/Triangle St., Danbury, CT	(5,000,000)	2,000,000	(3,000,000)		(3,000,000)		Possibly funded \$2.0 mm with co-lender

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Memo

To: Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors (the "Board")

From: Bryan Garcia (President and CEO)

CC: Senior Staff

Date: February 13, 2018

Re: Governor's Bill No. 9 – Alternative Proposal

On February 8, as part of a package of legislation to implement Governor Malloy's budget recommendations, Senators Looney and Duff and Representatives Aresimowicz and Ritter introduced Governor's Bill No. 9, An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future ("Bill No. 9"). Bill No. 9 proposes significant changes to energy policy in addition to those introduced under Governor's Bill No. 7: An Act Concerning Climate Change Planning and Resiliency. Among other policy changes, Bill No. 9 would increase the system benefit charge to all end use customers in Connecticut for the Clean Energy Fund from one mill per kilowatt hour to two mills commencing with FY2020 (i.e., from and after July 1, 2019). At the same time, Bill No. 9, as introduced, would sunset <u>all</u> system benefit charges for the Clean Energy Fund at the end of FY2025. Such a change in energy policy would have significant implications for the Connecticut Green Bank (Green Bank).

The purpose of this memo is to provide context and understanding for the Governor's proposals under Bill No. 9, particularly their potential impact on the Green Bank and its ability to accomplish its Comprehensive Plan in support of Connecticut's energy and environmental policy goals. Moreover, the memo will introduce, in response to Bill No. 9, an alternative proposal from Senior Staff for consideration by the Board during its Special Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. this Thursday, February 15.

Background

As noted by the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth,¹ the State of Connecticut has significant long-term liabilities that will present challenges for state budgets for years to come. As fixed expenditures grow and accelerate – including pensions, retiree healthcare, and debt service – fixed costs now represent 52 percent of total General Fund expenditures of \$18.72 billion in FY 2018. The state's fiscal challenges are being exacerbated and will be a long-term problem for the Green Bank.

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¹ PA 17-2 Sec. 250. Sec. 250. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth which shall develop and recommend policies to achieve state government fiscal stability and promote economic growth and competitiveness within the state. The commission shall study and make recommendations regarding state revenues, tax structures, spending, debt, administrative and organizational actions and related activities, including relevant municipal activities, to (1) achieve consistently balanced and timely budgets that are supportive of the interests of families and businesses and the revitalization of major cities within the state, and (2) materially improve the attractiveness of the state for existing and future businesses and residents.

System Benefit Funds and RGGI Allowance Proceeds

This budget climate will continue to put pressure on the executive and legislative branches to find resources, specifically as it applies to the Conservation and Load Management Fund (C&LMF), Clean Energy Fund (CEF), and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) allowance proceeds. The two system benefit funds (i.e., C&LMF and CEF) have a consistent history of sweeps since electric deregulation began in the early 2000's.

The following is a breakdown of these three funds:

- C&LMF 3 mill surcharge (\$0.003/kWh) on electric ratepayer bills that generates approximately \$81 million a year for energy efficiency incentives, in addition to up to a 3 mill Conservation Adjustment Mechanism (CAM) for an additional \$81 million, for a total of \$162 million, that are administered by the electric distribution companies (EDC) (i.e., Eversource Energy and Avangrid).²
- <u>CEF</u> 1 mill surcharge (\$0.001/kWh) on electric ratepayer bills that generates approximately \$27 million a year for clean energy financing programs, administered by the Connecticut Green Bank.
- RGGI proceeds available from a regional cap-and-trade program designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources, of which the EDC's receive 70 percent, Connecticut Green Bank 23 percent, and DEEP 7 percent of the allowance proceeds.

Sweeps to the General Fund

Last October, a veto-proof bipartisan budget was approved and included the following sweeps:

- <u>C&LMF</u> \$62.5 million each year for FY 2018 and FY 2019 for a total of \$125 million 39 percent of the C&LMF and CAM.
- <u>CEF</u> \$14 million each year for FY 2018 and FY 2019 for a total of \$28 million 52 percent of the CEF.
- RGGI \$10 million each year for FY 2018 and FY 2019, of which the Green Bank receives 23%, or \$2.3 million each year for a total of \$4.6 million from allowance proceeds.

Taken together, the sweeps resulted in a 56% decrease of funds for the Green Bank and a 26% drop for funds for programs run by the utilities from all public sources (system benefit charge, RGGI, CAM and NE-ISO funds).

The Green Bank has had to adjust to these sweeps, with the recent restructuring plan approved by the Board on December 15, 2017 which focuses on sustainability and getting to operational breakeven in 4 to 7 years.

Governor Malloy Proposed FY 2019 Budget and Proposed Energy Policy

Most recently, in his proposed FY 2019 budget issued on February 5, 2018, the Governor proposes to restore the CEF (i.e., \$14 million) and RGGI (i.e., \$10 million). We presume that given the size of

² Note – this does not include additional funds for natural gas conservation programs that would bring funds administered by the EDC's to approximately \$260 million a year (see Appendix 1).

the C&LMF sweeps of \$62.5 million in FY 2019, and the disproportionate impact on the Green Bank versus the EDCs from the original sweeps, that this was too much of a lift for Governor Malloy to propose – therefore he focused on the CEF and RGGI.

There is further evidence of the Governor's continued support of these funds – specifically the C&LMF and CEF – in his proposed energy legislation – see attached Governor's Bill No. 9.

As part of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3), which includes Commissioner Klee, Commissioner Smith, and myself, the state must focus on decarbonizing the electricity grid in order to achieve its long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction policy target – as outlined in the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008 – which is 80 percent below 2001 levels by 2050. Key areas of policy focus of the GC3, included energy efficiency and clean energy policies; whose analysis not only demonstrated the ability to achieve the long-term GHG emission reduction policy target, but also improving the state economy, creating jobs, and contributing tax revenues to the state along the way.

Energy Efficiency

Within the Governor's legislation, he proposes to eliminate the 3 mills within the C&LMF [Lines 455-458] while moving those funds to the CAM – which originally housed 3 mills and would now house 6 mills [Lines 458-465]. Given the structure of the CAM, it would presumably be harder for the legislature to sweep them in the CAM than it had been in the C&LMF.

Further demonstrating his support for energy efficiency, through more competitive means and approaches that facilitate more private investment, the Governor's bill also proposes:

- <u>Competitive Procurement</u> 25 MW of competitive procurement of energy efficiency [Lines 514-523] which is equivalent to another 3 mills;
- <u>Electric Efficiency Partner Program</u> supporting the Connecticut electric efficiency partner program at \$60 million per year – approximately 2 mills – for energy efficiency outside of the EDC administered programs.³

Between the CAM, the competitive procurement, and partner program policy proposals, energy efficiency would see about 11 mills of support – or about \$300 million annually from electric ratepayers – with about 5 mills of that being through competitive procurements, open markets, and private investment (i.e., outside of programs administered by the EDCs). This demonstrates Governor Malloy's commitment to energy efficiency.

Clean Energy

Within the Governor's legislation, he proposes significant clean energy policies, including:

- Class I RPS Expansion a responsible expansion of the Class I RPS from 20 percent by 2020 to 40 percent by 2030 [Lines 77-131], including a reduction of the Alternative Compliance Payment to \$40 [Lines 164-171] which will alleviate public policy costs on electric ratepayers with the RPS expansion.
- Residential Solar PV Expansion beyond the RSIP policy of 300 MW, the Governor's policy proposes to grandfather RSIP projects for 20 years under net metering policy, while

³ The Connecticut Electric Efficiency Partner program was public policy that was part of PA 07-242 – An Act Concerning Electricity and Energy Efficiency.

putting forth a sustained orderly development transition from net metering to a tariff-based structure at the conclusion of the RSIP for an additional 400 MW of residential solar PV.

- Commercial and Industrial Expansion beyond the ZREC-LREC, VNM, and Shared Clean Energy Facility policies currently being implemented, the Governor's policy proposes to expand those efforts through a more "cost effective" tariff-based structure that will deliver another 500-600 MW of Class I resources, including fuel cells.
- Fuel Blind Energy Consumption Target one of the largest GHG emission producers in Connecticut is how we heat our buildings, the Governor's bill puts forth a fuel blind energy consumption reduction target of 1.6 million MMBtu, which will support the market development for renewable heating and cooling technologies - the equivalent of about 30,000 air source heat pumps⁴ or 27,000 ground source heat pumps⁵ per year at 100 percent load for residential installations.

These are significant policies that seek to expand the competitive markets for clean energy deployment in Connecticut, and if passed would set forth a long-term market signal to developers, investors, and consumers of clean energy.

Connecticut Green Bank

With regards to the Green Bank, given the continuity of the sweeps and the budget situation, the Governor proposes adding an additional mill to the CEF from FY 2020 through FY 2025 on top of the current mill (i.e., \$324 million total for 2 mills received during this period), while then sunsetting the CEF at the end of 2025 [Lines 554-564]. This proposal, while well intended – to position the Green Bank to be self-sustainable by the end of 2025 – presents risks in light of alternative policy options supported by the entire senior staff of the Green Bank, including myself.

Key among these risks are:

- While the extra mill would provide additional funds for investment which (inclusive of private capital leveraged in at \$8 to \$1) could result in an additional \$1.5 billion of investment and roughly 20,000 direct and induced job-years of employment – given the past history of the legislature to sweep the quasi-publics for funds for budgetary purposes in times of a crisis, the incremental funds are far from assured. So the trade of additional funds with a defined endpoint is potentially a poor value proposition for clean energy investment in the State because it is no way ensured that additional sweeps would not occur before or after the sunset;
- As a result of the current budget sweeps (which at one stage threatened a loss of 100% of CEF funding) the Green Bank has already experienced the loss of a \$10 million funding facility for the benefit of programs for low-to-moderate income families that was in the final steps of documentation. Moreover, one major financial institution which has provided funding to the Green Bank in the past cited the budget sweeps as the key reason for not submitting a proposal for the SHREC and even for a 1 year working capital facility. With a "funding cliff" on the horizon plus the uncertainty of budget sweeps in the intervening years, capital providers and their credit committees will have to ponder additional uncertainty for the Green Bank's future financial condition; and

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At a time when the clean energy and environmental policy is under attack at the Federal level and the Governor rightly commits to even bolder energy and climate change policy goals, a "sunset" for funding a policy tool that is held up universally as a global model for success in clean energy finance sends the wrong signal at the wrong time and could inject confusion to the discourse of clean energy policy.

Alternative Policy Option to Governor's Proposal

In consideration of the potential risks noted, senior staff recommends the Board consider the following elements of an alternative proposal to the Governor's bill in respect of the additional mill and the proposed end of 2025 sunset:

- System Benefit Fund Assessment require the legislature to conduct an assessment on how any proposed future sweeps impact the system benefit funds, their operations, including bankruptcy, and the state's bond credit rating; and
- 2. <u>Non-Impairment</u> clarify and strengthen the language in the Green Bank's non-impairment statute which protects the rights of counterparties engaging in contractual arrangements with the Green Bank.

The bolstered non-impairment language as provided for in Conn. General Statute 16-245n that will further protect the Connecticut Green Bank from sweeps is set forth below:

(h) The state of Connecticut does hereby pledge to and agree with any person with whom the Connecticut Green Bank may enter into contracts pursuant to the provisions of this section that the state will not limit or alter the rights hereby vested in said bank until such contracts and the obligations thereunder are fully met and performed on the part of said bank, provided nothing herein contained shall preclude such limitation or alteration if adequate provision shall be made by law for the protection of such persons entering into contracts with said bank.

The contracts and obligations thereunder of said bank shall be obligatory upon the bank, and the bank may appropriate in each year during the term of such contracts, an amount of money that, together with other funds of the bank available for such purposes, shall be sufficient to pay such contracts and obligations or meet any contractual covenants or warranties, and there shall be included in the charge assessed to each end use customer of electric services, as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an amount that, together with other funds of the bank available for such purposes, shall be sufficient to meet such appropriation. The pledge provided by this subsection shall be interpreted and applied broadly to effectuate and maintain the bank's financial capacity to perform its essential public and governmental function.

The Green Bank has worked tirelessly and is executing a proactive aggressive outreach and education strategy to defend itself from future raids. In addition to the proposed alternative policy referenced above, the Green Bank is also considering language similar to the ratepayer impact statement legislation enacted as part of Public Act 17-144. This new proposal would provide that no bill without an assessment appended thereto which, if passed, would have a financial impact on the Green Bank's ability to carry out its functions in accordance with Section 16-245n of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be acted upon by either house of the General Assembly unless said requirement of an assessment is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of such house.

Resolution

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2017, a veto-proof bipartisan budget was approved that swept \$173 million of ratepayer and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds over FY 2018 and FY 2019 to the General Fund, including \$125 million from the Conservation and Load Management Fund (C&LMF), \$28 million from the Clean Energy Fund (CEF), and \$20 million from RGGI;

WHEREAS, in response to the sweeps, on December 15, 2017 the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank approved of a budget mitigation strategy consistent with the Sustainability Pathway Strategy;

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2018, Governor Malloy released to the Connecticut General Assembly his proposed budget revisions which included a restoration of the CEF and RGGI for FY 2019;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2018, Governor Malloy released his proposed energy legislation, "An Act Concerning Connecticut's Energy Future," which proposes to increase the CEF to 2 mills with a sunset of the entire CEF by the end of FY 2025; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2018, the senior staff of the Connecticut Green Bank have brought forth an alternative proposal for the review and guidance by its Board of Directors.

NOW, therefore be it:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has directed staff of the Connecticut Green Bank to propose an alternative to the Governor's proposed energy legislation that would include the following features:

- Requiring that the legislature, when considering future sweeps of the system benefit funds, conduct a ratepayer impact statement to assess the implications of sweeps; and
- 2. Strengthening of the Connecticut Green Bank's non-impairment statute which protects the rights of counterparties engaging in contractual relationships with the Green Bank.

Appendix 1

Funding Sources for Utility Conservation and Load Management Plans

(Tables from the 2016-2018 Electric and Natural Gas Conservation & Load Management Plan)

Table 1-5: Electric Program Funding Sources*

	2016 ES CT Electric Revenues	2016 UI Revenues	2016 Combined Total	2017 ES CT Electric Revenues	2017 UI Revenues	2017 Combined Total	2018 ES CT Electric Revenues	2018 UI Revenues	2018 Combined Total
Collections									
(Mill Rate)	\$66.7	\$15.9	\$82.6	\$66.8	\$15.7	\$82.5	\$65.8	\$15.5	\$81.4
ISO New England	\$9.7	\$2.7	\$12.4	\$20.2	\$5.2	\$25.4	\$20.4	\$4.5	\$24.9
RGGI	\$16.7	\$4.2	\$20.8	\$17.1	\$4.3	\$21.4	\$17.5	\$4.4	\$21.9
CAM									
(Net of Gross									
Receipts Tax)	\$62.0	\$14.8	\$76.9	\$62.1	\$14.6	\$76.7	\$61.2	\$14.5	\$75.7
TOTAL (Energy									
Efficiency									
Revenues)	\$155.1	\$37.6	\$192.7	\$166.2	\$39.8	\$206.0	\$164.9	\$39.0	\$203.9

^{*} In millions.

Table 1-6: Natural Gas Program Funding Sources*

Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Revenues	2016 Conservation Adjustment Mechanism	2017 Conservation Adjustment Mechanism	2018 Conservation Adjustment Mechanism
Eversource CT Gas			
Revenues	\$20.4	\$24.2	\$26.9
Connecticut Natural			
Gas Revenues	\$15.9	\$16.6	\$17.3
Southern Connecticut			
Gas Revenues	\$11.4	\$14.1	\$14.7
Total Energy-			
Efficiency Revenues	\$47.7	\$54.9	\$59.0

^{*} In millions.



General Assembly

Governor's Bill No. 9

February Session, 2018

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th Dist.

REP. RITTER M., 1st Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-245a of the 2018 supplement
- 2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
- 3 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 4 (a) An electric supplier and an electric distribution company
- 5 providing standard service or supplier of last resort service, pursuant
- 6 to section 16-244c, <u>as amended by this act</u>, shall demonstrate:
- 7 (1) On and after January 1, 2006, that not less than two per cent of
- 8 the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution
- 9 company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources
- and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be
- 11 from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

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- (2) On and after January 1, 2007, not less than three and one-half per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- (3) On and after January 1, 2008, not less than five per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- 22 (4) On and after January 1, 2009, not less than six per cent of the 23 total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company 24 shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an 25 additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from 26 Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
 - (5) On and after January 1, 2010, not less than seven per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

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- (6) On and after January 1, 2011, not less than eight per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- (7) On and after January 1, 2012, not less than nine per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

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- 42 (8) On and after January 1, 2013, not less than ten per cent of the 43 total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company 44 shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an 45 additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from 46 Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- (9) On and after January 1, 2014, not less than eleven per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

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- (10) On and after January 1, 2015, not less than twelve and one-half per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- (11) On and after January 1, 2016, not less than fourteen per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- (12) On and after January 1, 2017, not less than fifteen and one-half per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional three per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
- (13) On and after January 1, 2018, not less than seventeen per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

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(14) On and after January 1, 2019, not less than nineteen and one-half per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

- (15) On and after January 1, 2020, not less than [twenty] <u>twenty-one</u> per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources; [.]
- (16) On and after January 1, 2021, not less than twenty-two and onehalf per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
 - (17) On and after January 1, 2022, not less than twenty-four per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
 - (18) On and after January 1, 2023, not less than twenty-six per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
 - (19) On and after January 1, 2024, not less than twenty-eight per cent of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;

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102	(20) On and after January 1, 2025, not less than thirty per cent of the
103	total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company
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105	additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from
106	Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
107	(21) On and after January 1, 2026, not less than thirty-two per cent of
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109	company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources
110	and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be
111	from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
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112	(22) On and after January 1, 2027, not less than thirty-four per cent
113	of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution
114	company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources
115	and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be
116	from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
117	(22) On and after January 1, 2028, not less than thirty six nor cent of
117	(23) On and after January 1, 2028, not less than thirty-six per cent of
119	the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution
120	company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources
120	and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be
121	from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
122	(24) On and after January 1, 2029, not less than thirty-eight per cent
123	of the total output or services of any such supplier or distribution
124	company shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources
125	and an additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be
126	from Class I or Class II renewable energy sources;
127	(25) On and after January 1, 2030, not less than forty per cent of the
128	total output or services of any such supplier or distribution company
129	shall be generated from Class I renewable energy sources and an
130	additional four per cent of the total output or services shall be from
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Class I or Class II renewable energy sources.

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Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (h) of section 16-244c of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(h) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section regarding an alternative standard service option, an electric distribution company providing standard service, supplier of last resort service or back-up electric generation service in accordance with this section shall contract with its wholesale suppliers to comply with the renewable portfolio standards. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall annually conduct an uncontested proceeding in order to determine whether the electric distribution company's wholesale suppliers met the renewable portfolio standards during the preceding year. On or before December 31, 2013, the authority shall issue a decision on any such proceeding for calendar years up to and including 2012, for which a decision has not already been issued. Not later than December 31, 2014, and annually thereafter, the authority shall, following such proceeding, issue a decision as to whether the electric distribution company's wholesale suppliers met the renewable portfolio standards during the preceding year. An electric distribution company shall include a provision in its contract with each wholesale supplier that requires the wholesale supplier to pay the electric distribution company an amount of: (A) For calendar years up to and including calendar year 2017, five and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the wholesale supplier fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period, [and] (B) for calendar years commencing on [and after] January 1, 2018, up to and including the calendar year commencing on January 1, 2020, five and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the wholesale supplier fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class I renewable energy sources, and two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the wholesale supplier fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class II renewable energy sources, and (C) for calendar years

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165 commencing on and after January 1, 2021, four cents per kilowatt hour 166 if the wholesale supplier fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class I renewable 167 energy sources, and two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the 168 169 wholesale supplier fails to comply with the renewable portfolio 170 standards during the subject annual period for Class II renewable 171 energy sources. The electric distribution company shall promptly 172 transfer any payment received from the wholesale supplier for the 173 failure to meet the renewable portfolio standards to the Clean Energy Fund for the development of Class I renewable energy sources, 174 175 provided, on and after June 5, 2013, any such payment shall be 176 refunded to ratepayers by using such payment to offset the costs to all 177 customers of electric distribution companies of the costs of contracts 178 and tariffs entered into pursuant to sections 16-244r, [and] 16-244t and 179 section 5 of this act. Any excess amount remaining from such payment 180 shall be applied to reduce the costs of contracts entered into pursuant 181 to subdivision (2) of this subsection, and if any excess amount remains, 182 such amount shall be applied to reduce costs collected through 183 nonbypassable, federally mandated congestion charges, as defined in 184 section 16-1.

Sec. 3. Subsection (k) of section 16-245 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(k) Any licensee who fails to comply with a license condition or who violates any provision of this section, except for the renewable portfolio standards contained in subsection (g) of this section, shall be subject to civil penalties by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in accordance with section 16-41, or the suspension or revocation of such license or a prohibition on accepting new customers following a hearing that is conducted as a contested case in accordance with chapter 54. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 16-244c regarding an alternative transitional standard offer option or an alternative standard service option, the authority shall require a

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payment by a licensee that fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards in accordance with subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of this section in the amount of: (1) For calendar years up to and including calendar year 2017, five and one-half cents per kilowatt hour, [and] (2) for calendar years commencing on [and after] January 1, 2018, and up to and including the calendar year commencing on January 1, 2020, five and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the licensee fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class I renewable energy sources, and two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the licensee fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class II renewable energy sources, and (3) for calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2021, four cents per kilowatt hour if the licensee fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class I renewable energy sources, and two and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the licensee fails to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the subject annual period for Class II renewable energy sources. On or before December 31, 2013, the authority shall issue a decision, following an uncontested proceeding, on whether any licensee has failed to comply with the renewable portfolio standards for calendar years up to and including 2012, for which a decision has not already been issued. On and after June 5, 2013, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall annually conduct an uncontested proceeding in order to determine whether any licensee has failed to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the preceding year. Not later than December 31, 2014, and annually thereafter, the authority shall, following such proceeding, issue a decision as to whether the licensee has failed to comply with the renewable portfolio standards during the preceding year. The authority shall allocate such payment to the Clean Energy Fund for the development of Class I renewable energy sources, provided, on and after June 5, 2013, any such payment shall be refunded to ratepayers by using such payment to offset the costs to all customers of electric distribution companies of the costs of contracts

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and tariffs entered into pursuant to sections 16-244r, [and] 16-244t and section 5 of this act. Any excess amount remaining from such payment shall be applied to reduce the costs of contracts entered into pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 16-244c, and if any excess amount remains, such amount shall be applied to reduce costs collected through nonbypassable, federally mandated congestion charges, as defined in section 16-1.

Sec. 4. Section 16-243h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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On and after January 1, 2000, and until (1) for residential customers, the expiration of the residential solar investment program pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-245ff, and (2) for all other customers not covered in subdivision (1) of this section, December 31, 2018, each electric supplier or any electric distribution company providing standard offer, transitional standard offer, standard service or back-up electric generation service, pursuant to section 16-244c, as amended by this act, shall give a credit for any electricity generated by a customer from a Class I renewable energy source or a hydropower facility that has a nameplate capacity rating of two megawatts or less for a term ending on December 31, 2039. The electric distribution company providing electric distribution services to such a customer shall make such interconnections necessary to accomplish such purpose. An electric distribution company, at the request of any residential customer served by such company and if necessary to implement the provisions of this section, shall provide for the installation of metering equipment that [(1)] (A) measures electricity consumed by such customer from the facilities of the electric distribution company, [(2)] (B) deducts from the measurement the amount of electricity produced by the customer and not consumed by the customer, and [(3)] (C) registers, for each billing period, the net amount of electricity either [(A)] (i) consumed and produced by the customer, or [(B)] (ii) the net amount of electricity produced by the customer. If, in a given monthly billing period, a customer-generator supplies more electricity to the

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electric distribution system than the electric distribution company or electric supplier delivers to the customer-generator, the electric distribution company or electric supplier shall credit the customergenerator for the excess by reducing the customer-generator's bill for the next monthly billing period to compensate for the excess electricity from the customer-generator in the previous billing period at a rate of one kilowatt-hour for one kilowatt-hour produced. The electric distribution company or electric supplier shall carry over the credits earned from monthly billing period to monthly billing period, and the credits shall accumulate until the end of the annualized period. At the end of each annualized period, the electric distribution company or electric supplier shall compensate the customer-generator for any excess kilowatt-hours generated, at the avoided cost of wholesale power. A customer who generates electricity from a generating unit with a nameplate capacity of more than ten kilowatts of electricity pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be assessed for the competitive transition assessment, pursuant to section 16-245g and the systems benefits charge, pursuant to section 16-245l, based on the amount of electricity consumed by the customer from the facilities of the electric distribution company without netting any electricity produced by the customer. For purposes of this section, "residential customer" means a customer of a single-family dwelling or multifamily dwelling consisting of two to four units. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall establish a rate on a cents-perkilowatt-hour basis for the electric distribution company to purchase the electricity generated by a customer pursuant to this section after December 31, 2039.

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Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) (1) Not later than one hundred eighty days after January 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, each electric distribution company shall solicit and file with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for its approval one or more twenty-year tariffs with (A) customers that own or develop new generation projects that are less than two megawatts in size, serve the distribution

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system of the electric distribution company and use a Class I renewable energy source that either (i) uses anaerobic digestion, or (ii) has emissions of no more than 0.07 pounds per megawatt-hour of nitrogen oxides, 0.10 pounds per megawatt-hour of carbon monoxide, 0.02 pounds per megawatt-hour of volatile organic compounds and one grain per one hundred standard cubic feet, and (B) customers that own or develop new generation projects that are less than two megawatts in size, serve the distribution system of the electric distribution company and use a Class I renewable energy source that emits no pollutants.

- (2) On or before September 1, 2018, the authority shall initiate a proceeding to establish a procurement plan for such electric distribution companies pursuant to this subsection and may give a preference to technologies manufactured, researched or developed in the state. The authority may require such electric distribution companies to conduct separate solicitations for the resources in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection based upon the size of such resources to allow for a diversity of selected projects.
- (3) Each electric distribution company shall conduct an annual solicitation or solicitations, as determined by the authority, for the purchase of energy and renewable energy certificates produced by eligible generation projects under this subsection over the duration of the tariff. Such generation projects shall be sized so as not to exceed the load at the customer's individual electric meter or a set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for billing purposes, from the electric distribution company providing service to such customer, as determined by such electric distribution company, unless such customer is a state, municipal or agricultural customer, then such generation project shall be sized so as not to exceed the load at such customer's individual electric meter or a set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for billing purposes, and the load of up to five state, municipal or agricultural beneficial accounts identified by

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such state, municipal or agricultural customer, and such state, municipal or agricultural customer may include the load of up to five additional nonstate or municipal beneficial accounts when sizing such generation project, provided such accounts are critical facilities, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 16-243y of the general statutes and are connected to a microgrid. A shared clean energy facility, as defined in section 16-244x of the general statutes, may participate in any solicitation pursuant to this subsection consistent with the program requirements established by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

- (4) The selected purchase price of energy and renewable energy certificates on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis in any given solicitation shall not exceed such selected purchase price for the same resources in the prior year's solicitation, unless the authority makes a determination that there are changed circumstances in any given year. For the first year solicitation issued pursuant to this subsection, the authority shall establish a cap for the selected purchase price for energy and renewable energy certificates on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis for any resources authorized under this subsection.
- (b) At the expiration of the residential solar investment program pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-245ff of the general statutes, each electric distribution company shall offer a tariff to residential customers for the purchase of energy and renewable energy certificates generated from a Class I renewable energy source that has a nameplate capacity rating of twenty-five kilowatts or less for a term not to exceed twenty years. Such generation projects shall be sized so as not to exceed the load at the customer's individual electric meter or a set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for billing purposes, from the electric distribution company providing service to such customer, as determined by such electric distribution company. The authority shall initiate a proceeding not later than September 1, 2018, to establish a rate on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis for such tariff, which may be based upon the results of one or more competitive

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solicitations issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and shall be guided by the Comprehensive Energy Strategy prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes. The authority may modify such rate for new customers under this subsection based on changed circumstances and may establish an interim rate prior to the expiration of the residential solar investment program pursuant to subsection (b) of section 16-245ff of the general statutes as an alternative to such program.

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(c) The aggregate procurement and tariff purchases of energy and renewable energy certificates by electric distribution companies pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be up to thirtyfive million dollars in year one and increase by up to an additional thirty-five million dollars per year in each of the years two through twelve of such a tariff, provided the annual purchases under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (b) of this section, each in the aggregate, shall not exceed forty per cent of the total annual dollar amount established pursuant to this subsection. The authority shall monitor the competitiveness of any procurements authorized under this section and may adjust the annual purchase amount established in this subsection or other procurement parameters to maintain competitiveness. Any money not allocated in any given year shall not roll into the next year's available funds. The obligation to purchase energy and renewable energy certificates shall be apportioned to electric distribution companies based on their respective distribution system loads, as determined by the authority. The authority may give preference to projects that provide electric distribution system benefits, include energy storage systems, utilize time of use rates or other dynamic pricing or provide other energy policy benefits identified in the Comprehensive Energy Strategy prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes.

(d) Each electric distribution company shall retire the renewable energy certificates it purchases pursuant to this subsection on behalf of

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- 398 electric distribution companies providing standard service or supplier
- 399 of last resort service pursuant to section 16-245a of the general statutes,
- as amended by this act. The authority shall establish procedures for the
- 401 retirement of such renewable energy certificates.
- (e) The net costs of any tariff offered by an electric distribution company pursuant to this section shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with any tariff offered pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of such electric
- 409 distribution company.
- Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The state shall reduce energy
- 411 consumption by not less than 1.6 million MMBtu, as defined in
- subdivision (4) of section 22a-197 of the general statutes, annually each
- 413 year for calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2020, up to
- and including calendar year 2025.
- Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 16-245m of the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 417 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 418 (d) (1) Not later than November 1, 2012, and every three years
- 419 thereafter, electric distribution companies, as defined in section 16-1, in
- 420 coordination with the gas companies, as defined in section 16-1, shall
- 421 submit to the Energy Conservation Management Board a combined
- 422 electric and gas Conservation and Load Management Plan, in
- accordance with the provisions of this section, to implement cost-
- 424 effective energy conservation programs, demand management and
- 425 market transformation initiatives. All supply and conservation and
- 426 load management options shall be evaluated and selected within an
- 427 integrated supply and demand planning framework. Services

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provided under the plan shall be available to all customers of electric distribution companies and gas companies. [Each such company shall the Energy Conservation Management Board for reimbursement for expenditures pursuant to the plan.] The Energy Conservation Management Board shall advise and assist the electric distribution companies and gas companies in the development of such plan. The Energy Conservation Management Board shall approve the plan before transmitting it to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for approval. The commissioner shall, in an uncontested proceeding during which the commissioner may hold a public meeting, approve, modify or reject said plan prepared pursuant to this subsection. Following approval by the commissioner, the board shall assist the companies in implementing the plan and collaborate with the Connecticut Green Bank to further the goals of the plan. Said plan shall include a detailed budget sufficient to fund all energy efficiency that is cost-effective or lower cost than acquisition of equivalent supply, and shall be reviewed and approved by the commissioner. The plan shall be executed through procurements put in place pursuant to section 8 of this act and any applicable conservation adjustment mechanisms applied in accordance with this section. To the extent that the budget in the plan approved by the commissioner with regard to electric distribution companies exceeds the revenues collected pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall, not later than sixty days after the plan is approved by the commissioner, ensure that the balance of revenues required to fund such [budget] <u>plan</u> is provided through [a] fully reconciling conservation adjustment [mechanism of not more than three mills per kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each end use customer of an electric distribution company during the three years of any Conservation and Load Management Plan mechanisms. Electric distribution companies shall collect a conservation adjustment mechanism that ensures the plan is fully funded by collecting an amount that is not more than the sum of six mills per kilowatt hour of electricity sold to each end use customer

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of an electric distribution company during the three years of any Conservation and Load Management Plan, less the annual revenue requirement to fund any contracts entered into by the electric distribution companies pursuant to section 8 of this section. The authority shall ensure that the revenues required to fund such [budget] plan with regard to gas companies are provided through a fully reconciling conservation adjustment mechanism for each gas company of not more than the equivalent of four and six-tenth cents per hundred cubic feet during the three years of any Conservation and Load Management Plan. Said plan shall include steps that would be needed to achieve the goal of weatherization of eighty per cent of the state's residential units by 2030 and to reduce energy consumption by 1.6 million MMBtu, as defined in subdivision (4) of section 22a-197, annually each year for calendar years commencing on and after January 1, 2020, up to and including calendar year 2025. Each program contained in the plan shall be reviewed by such companies and accepted, modified or rejected by the Energy Conservation Management Board prior to submission to the commissioner for approval. The Energy Conservation Management Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities to offer joint programs providing similar efficiency measures that save more than one fuel resource or otherwise to coordinate programs targeted at saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint programs shall be allocated equitably among the conservation programs. The Energy Conservation Management Board shall give preference to projects that maximize the reduction of federally mandated congestion charges.

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Sec. 8. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel, the Attorney General and a representative of the Energy Conservation Management Board, may issue one or more solicitations for long-term contracts from providers of passive demand response measures including, but not

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limited to, energy efficiency and conservation and load management programs, that are capable, either singly or through aggregation, of reducing electric demand by one megawatt or more. Proposals pursuant to this subsection shall not have a contract term exceeding twenty years.

- (b) The commissioner, in consultation with the procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel, the Attorney General and a representative of the Energy Conservation Management Board, shall evaluate project proposals received under any solicitation issued pursuant to this section based on factors including, but not limited to, (1) whether the benefits of the proposal outweigh the costs to ratepayers, (2) whether the proposal is in the best interest of ratepayers, (3) whether the proposal is aligned with the policy goals outlined in the Integrated Resources Plan, approved pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general statutes, and the Comprehensive Energy Strategy, prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes, and (4) the degree to which the electric demand reduction can be verified using automated measurement.
- (c) If the commissioner finds proposals received pursuant to this section to be in the best interest of electric ratepayers, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner may select any such proposal or proposals, provided the total capacity of the resources selected under all solicitations issued pursuant to this section in any given year in the aggregate do not exceed twenty-five megawatts of electric demand reduction. The commissioner may, on behalf of all customers of electric distribution companies, direct the electric distribution companies to enter into long-term contracts for such selected proposal or proposals.
- (d) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be subject to review and approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. The electric distribution company shall file an application

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for the approval of any such agreement with the authority. The authority shall approve such agreement if it is prudent and cost effective. The authority shall issue a decision not later than ninety days after such filing. If the authority does not issue a decision within ninety days after such filing, the agreement shall be deemed approved. The net costs of any such agreement, including costs incurred by the electric distribution company under the agreement and reasonable costs incurred by the electric distribution company in connection with the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with long-term contracts entered into pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of the contracting electric distribution company.

- (e) The commissioner may hire consultants to assist in implementing this section including, but not limited to, the evaluation of proposals submitted pursuant to this section. All reasonable costs associated with the commissioner's solicitation and review of proposals pursuant to this section shall be recoverable through a fully reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Such costs shall be recoverable even if the commissioner does not select any proposals pursuant to solicitations issued pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 16-245n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (b) On and after July 1, 2004, and until June 30, 2019, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall assess or cause to be assessed a charge of not less than one mill per kilowatt hour charged to each end use customer of electric services in this state which shall be deposited into the Clean Energy Fund established under subsection (c) of this

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- 559 section. On and after July 1, 2019, and until June 30, 2025, the Public
- 560 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall assess or cause to be assessed a
- charge of not less than two mills per kilowatt hour charged to each end 561
- 562 use customer of electric services in this state which shall be deposited
- 563 into the Clean Energy Fund established under subsection (c) of this
- 564 section.
- 565 Sec. 10. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 12-264 of the 2018
- 566 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- 567 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):
- 568 (2) For purposes of this subsection, gross earnings from providing
- 569 electric transmission services or electric distribution services shall
- 570 include (A) all income classified as income from providing electric
- 571 transmission services or electric distribution services, as determined by
- 572 the Commissioner of Revenue Services in consultation with the Public
- 573 Utilities Regulatory Authority, and (B) the competitive transition
- 574 assessment collected pursuant to section 16-245g, other than any
- 575 component of such assessment that constitutes transition property as
- 576 to which an electric distribution company has no right, title or interest
- 577 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 16-245h, the systems benefits
- charge collected pursuant to section 16-245l, the conservation 578
- 579 adjustment mechanisms charged under section 16-245m, as amended
- 580 by this act, and the assessments charged under [sections 16-245m and]
- 581 section 16-245n, as amended by this act. Such gross earnings shall not
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- include income from providing electric transmission services or
- 583 electric distribution services to a company described in subsection (c)
- 584 of section 12-265.
- 585 Sec. 11. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 16-243q of the
- 586 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 587 thereof (Effective July 1, 2020):
- 588 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the Public
- 589 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall assess each electric supplier and

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(c) An electric supplier or electric distribution company may satisfy the requirements of this section by participating in a conservation and distributed resources trading program approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. Credits created by conservation and customerside distributed resources shall be allocated to the person that conserved the electricity or installed the project for customer-side distributed resources to which the credit is attributable and to the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan. Such credits shall be made in the following manner: A minimum of twentyfive per cent of the credits shall be allocated to the person that conserved the electricity or installed the project for customer-side distributed resources to which the energy credit is attributable and the remainder of the credits shall be [allocated to] used in furtherance of the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan, based on a schedule created by the authority no later than January 1, 2007, and reviewed annually thereafter. The authority may, in a proceeding and for good cause shown, allocate a larger proportion of such credits to the person who conserved the electricity or installed the customer-

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side distributed resources. The authority shall consider the proportion of investment made by a ratepayer through various ratepayer-funded incentive programs and the resulting reduction in federally mandated congestion charges. The portion [allocated to] <u>used in furtherance of</u> the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] <u>Plan</u> shall be used for measures that respond to energy demand and for peak reduction programs.

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- (d) An electric distribution company providing standard service may contract with its wholesale suppliers to comply with the conservation and customer-side distributed resources standards set forth in subsection (a) of this section. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall annually conduct a contested case, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to determine whether the electric distribution company's wholesale suppliers met the conservation and distributed resources standards during the preceding year. Any such contract shall include a provision that requires such supplier to pay the electric distribution company in an amount of up to five and one-half cents per kilowatt hour if the wholesale supplier fails to comply with the conservation and distributed resources standards during the subject annual period. The electric distribution company shall immediately transfer seventy-five per cent of any payment received from the wholesale supplier for the failure to meet the conservation and distributed resources standards to the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan and twenty-five per cent to the Clean Energy Fund. Any payment made pursuant to this section shall not be considered revenue or income to the electric distribution company.
- Sec. 12. Section 16-243t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):
 - (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this title, a customer who implements energy conservation or customer-side distributed resources, as defined in section 16-1, on or after January 1, 2008, shall be eligible for Class III credits, pursuant to section 16-243q, as

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amended by this act. The Class III credit shall be not less than one cent per kilowatt hour. For nonresidential projects receiving conservation and load management funding, twenty-five per cent of the financial value derived from the credits earned pursuant to this section shall be directed to the customer who implements energy conservation or customer-side distribution resources pursuant to this section with the remainder of the financial value directed [to] in furtherance of the Conservation and Load Management [Funds] Plan. For nonresidential projects not receiving conservation and load management funding submitted on or after March 9, 2007, seventy-five per cent of the financial value derived from the credits earned pursuant to this section shall be directed to the customer who implements energy conservation or customer-side distribution resources pursuant to this section with the remainder of the financial value directed [to] in furtherance of the Conservation and Load Management [Funds] Plan. Not later than July 1, 2007, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate a contested case proceeding in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

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- (b) In order to be eligible for ongoing Class III credits, the customer shall file an application that contains information necessary for the authority to determine that the resource qualifies for Class III status. Such application shall (1) certify that installation and metering requirements have been met where appropriate, (2) provide a detailed energy savings or energy output calculation for such time period as specified by the authority, and (3) include any other information that the authority deems appropriate.
- (c) For conservation and load management projects that serve residential customers, seventy-five per cent of the financial value derived from the credits shall be directed [to] in furtherance of the Conservation and Load Management [Funds] <u>Plan</u>.
- Sec. 13. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 16-243v of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

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(d) Commencing April 1, 2008, any person may apply to the authority for certification and funding as a Connecticut electric efficiency partner. Such application shall include the technologies that the applicant shall purchase or provide and that have been approved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. In evaluating the application, the authority shall (1) consider the applicant's potential to reduce customers' electric demand, including peak electric demand, and associated electric charges tied to electric demand and peak electric demand growth, (2) determine the portion of the total cost of each project that shall be paid for by the customer participating in this program and the portion of the total cost of each project that shall be paid for by all electric ratepayers and collected pursuant to subsection (h) of this section. In making such determination, the authority shall ensure that all ratepayer investments maintain a minimum two-to-one payback ratio, and (3) specify that participating Connecticut electric efficiency partners shall maintain the technology for a period sufficient to achieve such investment payback ratio. The annual ratepayer contribution for projects approved pursuant to this section shall not exceed sixty million dollars. Not less than seventy-five per cent of such annual ratepayer investment shall be used for the technologies themselves. No person shall receive electric ratepayer funding pursuant to this subsection if such person has received or is receiving funding from the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Funds] Plan for the projects included in said person's application. No person shall receive electric ratepayer funding without receiving a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a Connecticut electric efficiency partner by the authority. The authority may grant an applicant a certificate of public convenience if it possesses and demonstrates adequate financial resources, managerial ability and technical competency. The authority may conduct additional requests for proposals from time to time as it deems appropriate. The authority shall specify the manner in which a Connecticut electric efficiency

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720 partner shall address measures of effectiveness and shall include 721 performance milestones.

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(e) Beginning February 1, 2010, a certified Connecticut electric efficiency partner may only receive funding if selected in a request for proposal developed, issued and evaluated by the authority. In evaluating a proposal, the authority shall take into consideration the potential to reduce customers' electric demand including peak electric demand, and associated electric charges tied to electric demand and peak electric demand growth, including, but not limited to, federally mandated congestion charges and other electric costs, and shall utilize a cost benefit test established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to rank responses for selection. The authority shall determine the portion of the total cost of each project that shall be paid by the customer participating in this program and the portion of the total cost of each project that shall be paid by all electric ratepayers and collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. In making such determination, the authority shall (1) ensure that all ratepayer investments maintain a minimum two-to-one payback ratio, and (2) specify that participating Connecticut electric efficiency partners shall maintain the technology for a period sufficient to achieve such investment payback ratio. The annual ratepayer contribution shall not exceed sixty million dollars. Not less than seventy-five per cent of such annual ratepayer investment shall be used for the technologies themselves. No Connecticut electric efficiency partner shall receive funding pursuant to this subsection if such partner has received or is receiving funding from the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Funds] <u>Plan</u> for such technology. The authority may conduct additional requests for proposals from time to time as it deems appropriate. The authority shall specify the manner in which a Connecticut electric efficiency partner shall address measures of effectiveness and shall include performance milestones.

Sec. 14. Subsection (e) of section 16-245c of the general statutes is 752 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July

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- 754 (e) Any municipal electric utility created on or after July 1, 1998, 755 pursuant to section 7-214 or a special act and any municipal electric 756 utility that expands its service area on or after July 1, 1998, shall collect 757 from its new customers the competitive transition assessment imposed 758 pursuant to section 16-245g, the systems benefits charge imposed 759 pursuant to section 16-245l, the conservation adjustment mechanisms 760 charged under section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and the 761 assessments charged under [sections 16-245m and] section 16-245n, as 762 amended by this act, in such manner and at such rate as the authority 763 prescribes, provided the authority shall order the collection of said 764 assessment and said charge in a manner and rate equal to that to 765 which the customers would have been subject had the municipal 766 electric utility not been created or expanded.
- Sec. 15. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 16-245e of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):
 - (1) "Rate reduction bonds" means bonds, notes, certificates of participation or beneficial interest, or other evidences of indebtedness or ownership, issued pursuant to an executed indenture or other agreement of a financing entity, in accordance with this section and sections 16-245f to 16-245k, inclusive, as amended by this act, the proceeds of which are used, directly or indirectly, to provide, recover, finance, or refinance stranded costs or economic recovery transfer, or to sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable energy investment programs by substituting disbursements to the General Fund from the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan established by section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy Fund established by section 16-245n, as amended by this act, and which, directly or indirectly, are secured by, evidence ownership interests in, or are payable from, transition property;

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(2) "Competitive transition assessment" means those nonbypassable rates and other charges, that are authorized by the authority (A) in a financing order in respect to the economic recovery transfer, or in a financing order, to sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable energy investment programs by substituting disbursements to the General Fund from proceeds of rate reduction bonds for such disbursements from the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan established by section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy Fund established by section 16-245n, as amended by this act, or to recover those stranded costs that are eligible to be funded with the proceeds of rate reduction bonds pursuant to section 16-245f, as amended by this act, and the costs of providing, recovering, financing, or refinancing the economic recovery transfer or such substitution of disbursements to the General Fund or such stranded costs through a plan approved by the authority in the financing order, including the costs of issuing, servicing, and retiring rate reduction bonds, (B) to recover those stranded costs determined under this section but not eligible to be funded with the proceeds of rate reduction bonds pursuant to section 16-245f, as amended by this act, or (C) to recover costs determined under subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 16-244g. If requested by the electric distribution company, the authority shall include in the competitive transition assessment nonbypassable rates and other charges to recover federal and state taxes whose recovery period is modified by the transactions contemplated in this section and sections 16-245f to 16-245k, inclusive, as amended by this act;

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Sec. 16. Subdivision (13) of subsection (a) of section 16-245e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2020):

(13) "State rate reduction bonds" means the rate reduction bonds issued on June 23, 2004, by the state to sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable energy investment programs by

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- substituting for disbursements to the General Fund from the [Energy]
- 819 Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan, established by
- section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy
- Fund, established by section 16-245n, as amended by this act. The state
- rate reduction bonds for the purposes of section 4-30a shall be deemed
- 823 to be outstanding indebtedness of the state;
- Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 16-245f of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 826 1, 2020):
- 827 (a) An electric distribution company shall submit to the authority an 828 application for a financing order with respect to any proposal to 829 sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable 830 energy investment programs by substituting disbursements to the 831 General Fund from proceeds of rate reduction bonds for such 832 disbursements from the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management 833 [Fund] Plan established by section 16-245m, as amended by this act, 834 and from the Clean Energy Fund established by section 16-245n, as 835 amended by this act, and may submit to the authority an application 836 for a financing order with respect to the following stranded costs: (1) 837 The cost of mitigation efforts, as calculated pursuant to subsection (c) 838 of section 16-245e; (2) generation-related regulatory assets, as 839 calculated pursuant to subsection (e) of section 16-245e; and (3) those 840 long-term contract costs that have been reduced to a fixed present 841 value through the buyout, buydown, or renegotiation of such 842 contracts, as calculated pursuant to subsection (f) of section 16-245e. 843 No stranded costs shall be funded with the proceeds of rate reduction 844 bonds unless (A) the electric distribution company proves to the 845 satisfaction of the authority that the savings attributable to such 846 funding will be directly passed on to customers through lower rates, 847 and (B) the authority determines such funding will not result in giving 848 the electric distribution company or any generation entities or affiliates 849 an unfair competitive advantage. The authority shall hold a hearing for 850 each such electric distribution company to determine the amount of

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851 disbursements to the General Fund from proceeds of rate reduction 852 bonds that may be substituted for such disbursements from the 853 [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan established 854 by section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy 855 Fund established by section 16-245n, as amended by this act, and 856 thereby constitute transition property and the portion of stranded costs 857 that may be included in such funding and thereby constitute transition 858 property. Any hearing shall be conducted as a contested case in 859 accordance with chapter 54, except that any hearing with respect to a 860 financing order or other order to sustain funding for conservation and 861 load management and renewable energy investment programs by 862 substituting the disbursement to the General Fund from the [Energy] 863 Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan established by 864 section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy 865 Investment Fund established by section 16-245n, as amended by this 866 act, shall not be a contested case, as defined in section 4-166. The 867 authority shall not include any rate reduction bonds as debt of an 868 electric distribution company in determining the capital structure of 869 the company in a rate-making proceeding, for calculating the 870 company's return on equity or in any manner that would impact the 871 electric distribution company for rate-making purposes, and shall not 872 approve such rate reduction bonds that include covenants that have 873 provisions prohibiting any change to their appointment of an 874 administrator of the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management 875 [Fund. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to affect the terms 876 of subsection (b) of section 16-245m] Plan.

Sec. 18. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 16-245i of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

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(a) The authority may issue financing orders in accordance with sections 16-245e to 16-245k, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, to fund the economic recovery transfer, to sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable energy investment programs by

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substituting disbursements to the General Fund from proceeds of rate reduction bonds for such disbursements [from the Energy] <u>in</u> <u>furtherance of the</u> Conservation and Load Management [Fund] <u>Plan</u> established by section 16-245m, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and from the Clean Energy Fund established by section 16-245n, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and to facilitate the provision, recovery, financing, or refinancing of stranded costs. Except for a financing order in respect to the economic recovery revenue bonds, a financing order may be adopted only upon the application of an electric distribution company, pursuant to section 16-245f, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and shall become effective in accordance with its terms only after the electric distribution company files with the authority the electric distribution company's written consent to all terms and conditions of the financing order. Any financing order in respect to the economic recovery revenue bonds shall be effective on issuance.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, except as otherwise provided in this subsection with respect to transition property that has been made the basis for the issuance of rate reduction bonds, the financing orders and the competitive transition assessment shall be irrevocable and the authority shall not have authority either by rescinding, altering, or amending the financing order or otherwise, to revalue or revise for rate-making purposes the stranded costs, or the costs of providing, recovering, financing, or refinancing the stranded costs, the amount of the economic recovery transfer or the amount of disbursements to the General Fund from proceeds of rate reduction bonds substituted for such disbursements [from the Energy] in furtherance of the Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan established by section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy Fund established by section 16-245n, as amended by this act, determine that the competitive transition assessment is unjust or unreasonable, or in any way reduce or impair the value of transition property either directly or indirectly by taking the competitive

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- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the authority shall approve the adjustments to the competitive transition assessment as may be necessary to ensure timely recovery of all stranded costs that are the subject of the pertinent financing order, and the costs of capital associated with the provision, recovery, financing, or refinancing thereof, including the costs of issuing, servicing, and retiring the rate reduction bonds issued to recover stranded costs contemplated by the financing order and to ensure timely recovery of the costs of issuing, servicing, and retiring the rate reduction bonds issued to sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable energy investment programs contemplated by the financing order, and to ensure timely recovery of the costs of issuing, servicing and retiring the economic recovery revenue bonds issued to fund the economic recovery transfer contemplated by the financing order.
- (3) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, any requirement under sections 16-245e to 16-245k, inclusive, as amended by this act, or a financing order that the authority take action with respect to the subject matter of a financing order shall be binding upon the authority, as it may be constituted from time to time, and any successor agency exercising functions similar to the authority and the authority shall have no authority to rescind, alter, or amend that requirement in a financing order. Section 16-43 shall not apply to any sale, assignment, or other transfer of or grant of a security interest in any transition property or the issuance of rate reduction bonds under sections 16-245e to 16-245k, inclusive, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 19. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 16-245j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is

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substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

- (4) (A) The proceeds of any rate reduction bonds, other than economic recovery revenue bonds, shall be used for the purposes approved by the authority in the financing order, including, but not limited to, disbursements to the General Fund in substitution for such disbursements [from the Energy] in furtherance of the Conservation and Load Management [Fund] Plan established by section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and from the Clean Energy Fund established by section 16-245n, as amended by this act, the costs of refinancing or retiring of debt of the electric distribution company, and associated federal and state tax liabilities; provided such proceeds shall not be applied to purchase generation assets or to purchase or redeem stock or to pay dividends to shareholders or operating expenses other than taxes resulting from the receipt of such proceeds.
- Sec. 20. Subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 16-245m of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):
- (3) Programs included in the plan developed under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be screened through cost-effectiveness testing that compares the value and payback period of program benefits for all energy savings to program costs to ensure that programs are designed to obtain energy savings and system benefits, including mitigation of federally mandated congestion charges, whose value is greater than the costs of the programs. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection annually, or otherwise as is practicable, and shall incorporate the results of the evaluation process set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection. If a program is determined to fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review process, it shall either be modified to meet the test or shall be terminated, unless it is integral to other programs that in combination are cost-effective. On or before March 1, 2005, and on or before March first annually thereafter, the board shall provide a report,

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in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the environment that documents (A) expenditures and fund balances and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs conducted in the preceding year, and (B) the extent to and manner in which the programs of such board collaborated and cooperated with programs, established under section 7-233y, of municipal electric energy cooperatives. To maximize the reduction of federally mandated congestion charges, programs in the plan may allow for disproportionate allocations between the amount of contributions [to the Energy Conservation and Load Management Funds] pursuant to this section by a certain rate class and the programs that benefit such a rate class. Before conducting such evaluation, the board shall consult with the board of directors of the Connecticut Green Bank. The report shall include a description of the activities undertaken during the reporting period.

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- Sec. 21. Subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 16-245n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):
- (f) (1) The board shall issue annually a report to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection reviewing the activities of the Connecticut Green Bank in detail and shall provide a copy of such report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and commerce. The report shall include a description of the programs and activities undertaken during the reporting period jointly or in collaboration with the [Energy] Conservation and Load Management [Funds] <u>Plan</u> established pursuant to section 16-245m, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 22. Subsection (b) of section 16-245w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1012 1, 2020):

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1013 (b) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall design a process 1014 for determining a fee to be paid by customers who have installed self-1015 generation facilities in order to offset any loss or potential loss in 1016 revenue from such facilities toward the competitive transition 1017 assessment, the systems benefits charge, [the conservation and load 1018 management assessment] the conservation adjustment mechanisms 1019 collected under section 16-245m, as amended by this act, and the Clean 1020 Energy Fund assessment collected under section 16-245n, as amended by this act. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, such fee 1022 shall apply to customers who have installed self-generation facilities 1023 that begin operation on or after July 1, 1998.

1024 Sec. 23. Subsection (d) of section 16-258d of the general statutes is 1025 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1026 1, 2020):

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- 1027 (d) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall ensure that the 1028 revenues required to fund such incentive payments made pursuant to 1029 this section are provided through a fully reconciling conservation 1030 adjustment mechanism, which shall not exceed more than nine million 1031 dollars in total for the program established under this section, 1032 provided (1) such revenues shall be in addition to the revenues 1033 authorized to fund the [conservation and load management fund] 1034 Conservation and Load Management Plan pursuant to section 16-1035 245m, as amended by this act, and (2) such revenues exceeding two 1036 million dollars required to fund such incentive payments shall be paid 1037 over a period of not less than two years. Such revenues shall only be 1038 collected from the gas customers of the company in whose service area 1039 such district heating system is located.
- 1040 Sec. 24. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 16-245m of the 1041 general statutes is repealed. (Effective July 1, 2020)
- 1042 Sec. 25. Subsection (b) of section 16-245m of the general statutes is 1043 repealed. (Effective July 1, 2020)

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following					
sections:					
Section 1	from passage	16-245a(a)			
Sec. 2	from passage	16-244c(h)(1)			
Sec. 3	from passage	16-245(k)			
Sec. 4	from passage	16-243h			
Sec. 5	from passage	New section			
Sec. 6	from passage	New section			
Sec. 7	from passage	16-245m(d)(1)			
Sec. 8	from passage	New section			
Sec. 9	from passage	16-245n(b)			
Sec. 10	July 1, 2020	12-264(c)(2)			
Sec. 11	July 1, 2020	16-243q(b) to (d)			
Sec. 12	July 1, 2020	16-243t			
Sec. 13	July 1, 2020	16-243v(d) and (e)			
Sec. 14	July 1, 2020	16-245c(e)			
Sec. 15	July 1, 2020	16-245e(a)(1) and (2)			
Sec. 16	July 1, 2020	16-245e(a)(13)			
Sec. 17	July 1, 2020	16-245f(a)			
Sec. 18	July 1, 2020	16-245i(a) and (b)			
Sec. 19	July 1, 2020	16-245j(c)(4)(A)			
Sec. 20	July 1, 2020	16-245m(d)(3)			
Sec. 21	July 1, 2020	16-245n(f)(1)			
Sec. 22	July 1, 2020	16-245w(b)			
Sec. 23	July 1, 2020	16-258d(d)			
Sec. 24	July 1, 2020	Repealer section			
Sec. 25	July 1, 2020	Repealer section			

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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