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Ms. Linda Roberts
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RE: F-2011 CMEEC Responses to Questions Posed at Public Hearing

Dear Ms. Roberts:

The Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) herewith submits an original and twenty (20) copies of its responses to questions posed by Council Member Dr. Bell at the F-2011 Public Hearing on June 14, 2011. Specifically, two follow up questions about Smart Grid meter installations were posed and the responses are contained in the attached document. In addition, one correction to oral testimony offered on this issue is provided as well.

Should you require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Cammarata', is written over the typed name.

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Q1: How are customers notified by the municipal utilities about the new meter installations and any new options afforded by the meters?

A1: Generally, the municipal utilities moved to the new smart grid capable advanced meters as normal infrastructure replacement. Special instructions regarding new meter capabilities have largely gone unadvertised since there are no new customer-side rate or program options afforded by the meters at this time. The Smart Grid program is still in its infancy in the participating municipal electric service territories. The new meters are delivering efficiencies to customers today but those efficiencies are largely on the municipal electric utility operations side. Once new program and rate options are designed, the participating municipal electric utilities will design promotional materials, such as website information and bill inserts, for example, to educate customers.

Q2: Has there been customer feedback on the new meters?

A2: There has been no significant customer feedback with regard to the new meters since, as explained above in A1, the advanced capabilities of the new meters will not be promoted until rate and program options have been designed.

Corrected Response to Oral Testimony

At the hearing, witness Julie Cammarata testified that the meters installed as part of the Smart Grid program are the same brand and model across the service territories. This statement was incorrect. In fact, each municipal utility did order and purchase its own meters with some differences in infrastructure based on the municipal utility's specific needs to ensure compatibility with existing systems. All of the meters do incorporate roughly the same Smart Grid functionality, however.