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Energy and Technology Committee  
Room 3900 Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

July 9, 2012

Re: Report to the General Assembly Regarding the Equitable Distribution of Conservation and Renewable Energy Funds pursuant to Section 101 of Public Act 11-80.

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

In compliance with the requirements of Section 101 of Public Act 11-80, An Act Concerning the Establishment of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Planning for Connecticut's Energy Future, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is pleased to submit its first annual Report on Equitable Distribution of Conservation and Renewable Energy Funds to the Joint Committee on Energy and Technology.

The enclosed report analyzes the funds contributed and received by municipalities and customer classes related to energy efficiency and clean energy programs administered by the electric distribution companies and the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA).

This report provides an in-depth review of the projects funded by the \$0.003/kWh (3 Mill) assessment for conservation and load management programs and the \$0.001/kWh (1 Mill) assessment used to fund, in part, renewable energy projects administered by CEFIA. The report then analyzes the amount of funds distributed among small and large customers in economically distressed communities.

DEEP is pleased to have had this opportunity to review the equitable distribution of funds in the state's clean energy and energy efficiency programs. This report provides background data for important decisions to be made in the coming months. With this report as guidance, DEEP will work with the electric distribution companies, the Energy Efficiency Board, and CEFIA to ensure that any ramp-up in energy efficiency spending positively impacts lower-income communities, and that the state's ongoing coordinated clean energy and energy efficiency marketing campaign drives greater program participation in those communities.

DEEP is committed to ensuring that all Connecticut ratepayers reap the benefits of the programs they support. Only with broad participation can we achieve an affordable, clean, and reliable energy future for the state of Connecticut.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed report please contact me or my legislative liaison, Robert LaFrance, at 860-424-3401.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel C. Esty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel C. Esty  
Commissioner

cc: State Librarian, Office of Legislative Research, Clerks of the House & Senate