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Executive Secretary  
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**Re: Docket No. 12-01-07, Application for Approval of Holding Company Transaction Involving Northeast Utilities and NSTAR**

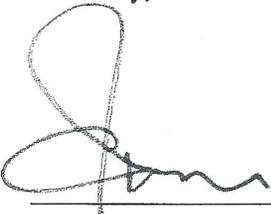
Dear Executive Secretary:

George Jepsen, Attorney General for the State of Connecticut, and Elin Swanson Katz, Consumer Counsel for the State of Connecticut, jointly request that the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA" or "Authority") review recent public reports concerning the possibility that Northeast Utilities ("NU") may outsource hundreds of information technology ("IT") jobs that are currently performed in Connecticut. Specifically, we ask that PURA examine the effect that such an outsourcing of jobs could have on the Connecticut Light and Power Company's and Yankee Gas Service Company's major storm and outage readiness and responsiveness as well as NU's compliance with the settlement agreement reached in Docket No. 12-01-07, Application for Approval of Holding Company Transaction Involving Northeast Utilities and NSTAR, dated March 13, 2012 ("Settlement Agreement").

We recognize that the outsourcing or elimination of jobs by NU is not per se a violation of the Settlement Agreement and that not all corporate actions that impact Connecticut jobs at NU are necessarily merger-related. Nevertheless, after discussion with NU officials on this subject, we believe PURA should review this matter directly to ensure that the Authority remains fully informed as to NU's manner of operations in Connecticut so that it can protect the interests of the State and NU ratepayers.

We look forward to PURA's review of this important issue and stand ready to assist in this review as appropriate in the near future.

Sincerely,

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