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## Media Advisory

### ECMB Names Richard Steeves as Chairperson

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**NEW BRITAIN, Connecticut – July 10, 2007** – The Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB) announces Richard W. Steeves, of Guilford, as their new chairperson. Steeves is the principal utilities finance specialist for the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel. Additionally, the Board has announced that Jeffrey Gaudiosi, of Waterbury, will be the ECMB vice-chairperson. Jeff is vice president of the Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut.

The ECMB was created by the Connecticut legislature in 1998 to guide the state's electric and natural gas distribution companies, as well as the state's municipal utilities, in the development and implementation of cost-effective energy-efficiency programs and market transformation initiatives. The ECMB oversees operations of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) ratepayer-funding for energy-efficiency programs.

According to a recent American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy State Scorecard, Connecticut ranked No. 1 in the nation for energy-efficiency programs. Mr. Steeves stated, "First, I am delighted to have been selected as the ECMB chairperson for the second time. However, with the combination of rising energy costs and recently passed legislation, the board will have its hands full in continuing Connecticut's nationally-recognized status. I believe the board has the necessary expertise and vision to continue Connecticut's leadership in energy efficiency and the associated benefits that accrue to customers."

The CEEF promotes efficient energy use, helps residents and businesses save on their electric bills, promotes economic development, reduces electric demand and helps reduce air pollution. Connecticut Light and Power and United Illuminating administer the CEEF through conservation programs that serve residential customers, including low- and fixed-income customers, as well as business and municipal customers. Connecticut's energy-efficiency programs are funded by the conservation charge on customer electric bills. Additional information on Connecticut's energy-efficiency programs can be found at [www.ctenergyinfo.com](http://www.ctenergyinfo.com).

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