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State Information and Cover Sheet

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Begin by entering information in each of the shaded cells below. Be sure to select the year and quarter covered by this report. Then complete the three following tabs (Narrative, Rebate Processing Data, Appliance Disposal Data). Additional information on how to enter data is provided in the Instructions tab.

1. State Information

DOE award number:	DE-EE0001580
State/Territory Name:	Connecticut
State Agency Administering Program:	Office of Policy and Management

2. Reporting Period

Year:	2010
Quarter:	2- April, May, June

3. Report Completed By:

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Date report completed:	7/26/2010
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Progress Narrative

Instructions:

Please provide a short narrative on each of the following points. A paragraph or two will typically be sufficient. Cells will automatically expand as needed.

1. Major milestones and key activities accomplished during the reporting period:

The activity of the appliance replacement rebate program has continued at a steady pace. Due to warmer weather, old air conditioners and central air systems are being replaced with more energy efficient appliances.

Due to flooding in Connecticut at the end of March, the program was expanded to include water heaters as of April 1, 2010. Rebates range from \$100-\$400, depending on the type and energy efficiency of water heater purchased. The addition of water heaters occurred seamlessly with appropriate public relations effort.

The program has the full support of the Governor's office. Governor Rell has made a number of public appearances encouraging consumers to take advantage of the rebates being offered. It is expected that the source of funding will be depleted in the 3rd quarter, so plans are being implemented to close down the program. Consumers, retailers and contractors have been informed so that the program will calmly come to an end.

2. Rebate status (please list rebates that were in effect during the reporting period, noting the start or end dates):

The phase I of the rebate period was listed as January 25-April 30, 2010. The qualified appliances and rebate levels are the following: refrigerators \$50; clothes washers \$100, freezers \$50; room air conditioners \$50; central a.c. \$500. Due to the continued availability of funds, the rebate program was seamlessly continued. Connecticut had serious flooding problems in March, so water heaters were added effective April 15, 2010 (per timely approval by DOE.) Rebates for water heaters ranged from \$100-\$400.

3. Issues and obstacles faced, and how these were/will be addressed:

The few complaints received had to do with consumers being disappointed that there aren't any Energy Star electric water heaters. Therefore, they could not get a rebate if they replaced one of those. This, however, did not become a significant issue.

4. Oversight mechanisms employed for quality assurance and fraud prevention:

The Connecticut utility companies have contracted with an experienced company in rebate processing. There are automatic alerts built into their system to counter fraud and ensure quality assurance. This system continues to perform well.

5. Additional notes:

Due to the positive response from the public, and the increase in sales of air conditioners, central air systems and water heaters, our program end date estimate has changed from 9/30/10 to 7/15/10. The central air system rebates of \$500 are significantly larger than our other appliance rebates.

