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To: Energy & Technology Committee Members
From: Jennifer Evans, West Hartford Community Television

**Written Testimony Supporting
Raised Bill S.B. No. 950**

An Act Concerning Technical Revisions to Energy and Technology Statutes

On behalf of West Hartford Community Television, I thank you for the opportunity to participate in this legislative proceeding through the filing of this testimony.

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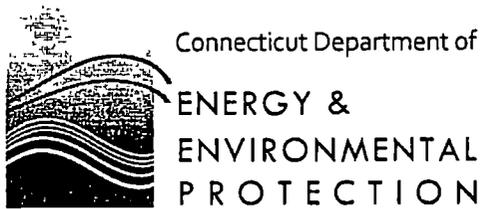
This statute was passed in 1990 and is the law that sets up the funding structure for public access television. We ask that a change be made so this statute is **not repealed but merely amended** for the following reason:

The wording of the law is that "... the amount shall be \$5.00 per subscriber, per year, adjusted annually by a percentage reflecting the increase or decrease of the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year provided the authority may increase or decrease the amount by not more than 40% of said amount for the subscribers..."

By repealing the law, the technical change might be misconstrued or strictly interpreted to mean that all community stations would receive \$5.00 per subscriber thereby losing over 20 years of CPI increases which will significantly affect our operating budget. Our current annual funding rate is \$7.77 per subscriber.

Thank you for your continued support of community television as a forum for free speech, community dialogue, cultural exchange and artistic expression. Community television is legislatively mandated and plays a vital role in creating an engaged local community. A vibrant, financially sound community access system is an important source of local information and grass-roots participation in government and civic life.

We respectfully ask the committee to make clear that these changes are technical revisions that do not change the scope or spirit of the law.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC HEARING – MARCH 5, 2013
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN ART HOUSE

**RAISED BILL NUMBER 950 - AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES**

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit testimony regarding RAISED BILL
NUMBER 950 - AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO ENERGY AND
TECHNOLOGY STATUTES.

The proposed bill makes minor technical revisions to Title 16 of the General Statutes of Connecticut by deleting several obsolete statutory provisions, most notably changing the name "Department" to "Authority" reflecting the merger of the former Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC or Department) into the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit testimony regarding this bill.

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If all Members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 946.

Total Number Voting	143
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 385.

THE CLERK:

On Page 35, Calendar Number 385, Substitute for Senate Bill 950 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO AND REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY STATUTES, Report of Committee on Energy and Technology.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Reed of the 102nd.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report on the

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Substitute Bill in concurrence with the Senate and for passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The question is acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill. Representative Reed, you have the floor.

REP. REED (102nd):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill essentially is a technical cleanup bill that will extinguish some moribund energy statute language that is no longer relevant and is cluttering up our energy statutes.

Among the leading deleted provisions will be those related to the financing of nuclear power, the decommissioning of nuclear power plants, which used to be something that our utilities controlled until we deregulated and that's no longer, that's a provision of FERC and the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Authority.

So we have a lot of language like that, and that's just one example, and I move that my colleague help me pass this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, madam. Representative Hoydick of the 120th, Ranking Member of the Energy and Technology Committee, you have the floor, ma'am.

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REP. HOYDICK (120th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of this bill. PURA and OCC have supported all the technical changes and the language changes, and I urge our colleagues to adopt it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Thank you, madam. Will you remark further on the bill? Will you remark further on the bill?

If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House. Will Members please take your seats and the machine will be opened.

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll.

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll.

Will Members please return to the Chamber immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Have all Members voted? Have all Members voted? Will the Members please check the board to determine if your vote is properly cast.

If all Members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

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Bill Number 950 in concurrence with the Senate.

Total Number Voting	143
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	7

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 113.

THE CLERK:

On Page 6 of the House Calendar, Calendar Number 113, Substitute House Bill Number 6405 AN ACT CONCERNING BARROOM PARTITIONS. Favorable Report of the Committee on General Law.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

Representative Baram of the 15th District. Sir, you have the floor.

REP. BARAM (15th):

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I move for acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER RYAN:

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Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to Calendar page 20, at the top of Calendar page 20, Calendar 185, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 114 that item is marked go; the next item, Madam President, Calendar 187, Senate Bill Number 953, Madam President, would move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

The last item at the bottom of that page, Calendar 191, Senate Bill Number 704, is marked go.

Moving, Madam President, to Calendar page 22, the fourth item on that page, Calendar 204, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 652, is marked go; the next item Calendar 205, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 203, marked go; and the last item on that page, Calendar 206, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 950, Madam President, move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving to Calendar page 23, Calendar 211, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 70 that item is marked go; the next item, Madam President, Calendar 213, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 826, would move to place this item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

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Mr. Clerk, call for a roll call vote, but will you do the proceedings and go through and read the vote on the -- on that Consent Calendar. Read the bills on the Consent Calendar and the machine then will be opened.

THE CLERK:

On page 1, Calendar 96, Senate Resolution Number 19, RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JASON E. BOWSA OF BROAD BROOK TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION, favorable report of the Senate Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

Also on page 1 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, if you'd like you can just read the Calendar Number --

THE CLERK:

Okay.

THE CHAIR:

-- and the Resolution Number. Okay.

THE CLERK:

Great.

Page 1, Calendar 97, Senate Resolution Number 20.

On page 2, Calendar 98, Senate Joint Resolution Number 46; also on page 2, Calendar 99, Senate Joint Resolution Number 47; page 2, Calendar 130, Senate Joint Resolution Number 21; page 2, Calendar 131, Senate Joint Resolution Number 48; page 2, Calendar 136, Senate Joint Resolution 49.

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On page 3, Calendar 197, Senate Joint Resolution Number 50; also on page 3, Calendar 198, Senate Joint Resolution Number 51; page 3, Calendar 245, Senate Resolution Number 22; page 3, Calendar 246, Senate

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Joint Resolution Number 23; page 3, Calendar 247,
Senate Joint Resolution Number 52.

And on page 4, Calendar 316, House Joint Resolution
Number 72; page 4, Calendar 317, House Joint
Resolution Number 73; also on page 4, Calendar 318,
House Joint Resolution Number 74; page 4, Calendar
319, House Joint Resolution Number 75.

On page 5, Calendar 320, House Joint Resolution Number
76; also on page 5, Calendar 321, House Joint
Resolution Number 77; page 5, Calendar 322, House
Joint Resolution Number 78; on page 5, 323 is the
Calendar, House Joint Resolution Number 79.

And on page 6, Calendar 324, House Joint Resolution
Number 80; also on page 6, Calendar 325, House Joint
Resolution 81; page 6, Calendar 326, House Joint
Resolution Number 82; page 6, Calendar 327, House
Joint Resolution Number 84.

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On page 7, Calendar 329, House Joint Resolution Number
85; page 7, Calendar 330, House Joint Resolution
Number 86; page 7, Calendar 331, House Joint
Resolution Number 87; and on page 7, Calendar 332,
House Joint Resolution Number 88.

On page 13, Calendar 128 --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you also check page 11, Calendar
Number 1 -- 0111.

THE CLERK:

I think that was referred to the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

It is the Consent Calendar, sir.

THE CLERK:

Oh, yes, yes, yes, you're right. Sorry about that.

On page 11, Calendar 111, Senate Bill Number 825.

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And on page 13, now, Calendar 128, Senate Bill --

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, would you look at 127, also, please, 127,
Calendar 127.

THE CLERK:

Okay.

Calendar 127, Senate Bill Number 927; also on page 13,
Calendar 128, Senate Bill 1032; and on page 13,
Calendar 137, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 837.

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THE CLERK:

-- 15, Calendar 151 --

THE CHAIR:

Senator, would you look at Calendar 147, please.

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Thank you.

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-- Senate Bill Number 1061; also on page 15, Calendar
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THE CLERK:

-- 49, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 909; on page 15, Calendar 151, Senate Bill Number 63.

And, now, on page 16, Calendar 156, Senate Bill Number 1004; also Calendar 157, Senate Bill Number 1006.

And on page 18, Calendar 173, Substitute --

THE CHAIR:

-- Mr. Clerk, can you look at 168 first, please.

THE CLERK:

I'm sorry.

Calendar 168, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 880, and Calendar 173, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 874.

On page 19; Calendar 183, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 853.

And on page 20, Calendar 187, Senate Bill Number 953; also on page 20, Calendar 191, Senate Bill Number 704.

On page 22, Calendar 206, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 950.

On page 23, Calendar 213, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 826.

On page 24, Calendar 221, Senate Bill Number 946.

And on page 29, Calendar 25 --

THE CHAIR:

Sir, on page 28, first.

THE CLERK:

I'm sorry.

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Page 28, Calendar 250, Substitute for Senate Bill
Number 1010.

And on page 29, Calendar 258, Substitute for Senate
Bill Number 1073.

On page 37, Calendar 306, Senate Bill Number 111.

And I think that's it.

THE CHAIR:

Yes, I think so.

This time I'll ask everybody to please vote. The machine is open, and we're voting on the Consent Calendar.

Do you -- would you please announce it again, Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate,
voting today's Consent Calendar. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted, all members have voted, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

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The Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, a couple of additional items. First of all, on a matter adopted earlier today, Calendar 344, Substitute for House Bill Number 6648, would ask for a suspension for immediate transmittal of that item to the Governor.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, for a couple of -- of items for recommittals on the last -- near the end of the Calendar, Calendar page 52, under "Favorable Reports and Resolutions," Calendar 34, Senate Resolution Number 8, I would move to recommit that item to the Appropriations Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

And also, Madam President, Calendar 212, Senate Resolution Number 14, I move to recommit that item to the Education Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.