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Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss Connecticut's energy challenges. My name is Angela O'Connor and I am President of the New England Power Generators Association. We are the largest trade association representing competitive electric generating companies in New England. Our member companies represent over 20,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the region. Specifically, we represent NRG, Dominion Competitive Power Ventures, LS Power, Lake Road and PSEG in Connecticut. Collectively they represent almost 7,000 megawatts of power in the state. These companies are important to Connecticut and Connecticut is important to the New England Power Generators.

You may recall that I had the privilege of testifying before your committee last year. At that time I encouraged you to support private generators efforts to build, support the existing market structure, and to stay the course on the energy independence act that all of you worked so hard to create.

The proposal to delay the capacity bidding process before the state's Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) and the legislature's effort to address Connecticut's energy challenges in LCO 338 AAC is not a solution to fixing Connecticut's energy problems. In fact, it will make them worse.

Simply stated Connecticut does not have enough energy or energy infrastructure to meet its needs. Resulting in added to costs for consumers and decreased reliability. That is a formula for disaster.

In 2005 the Connecticut Legislature addressed these issues with the Energy Independence Act. As a result the DPUC was asked to reduce federally mandated congestion charges.

The Legislature did their job with comprehensive energy legislation last year, now this body needs to let the agency that has been appointed and charged with creating the frame work for utilities to buy power -- do their job. The DPUC is using its regulatory procurement authority to create the framework through the RFP process, and the results have been very positive with more

than 20 bids from 15 bidders in its latest solicitation. The process is working, and I urge the Legislature not to interfere in the process that is underway.

Thank you for the opportunity to come here today to provide these comments.