

Relief For Ratepayers

Short-Term Relief

- ***Summer Saver Rewards.*** This program creates the opportunity for real and immediate relief from rising energy bills for all of Connecticut's residents. The more an individual conserves in July, August, and September compared to 12 months earlier, the more they can save on their bill. So, if you use 10% less electricity, you will save an extra 10% on your bill, in addition to what you have saved through conservation. For more information, and to sign up for the program, please call ***1-877-WISE USE.***
- ***Sales Tax Exemptions.*** Under the new law all Energy Star appliances purchased through September 30th will be exempt from the sales tax. Included in this measure are energy saving Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs and vehicles with a city or highway fuel efficiency of at least 40 miles per gallon.
- ***Rebates.*** The law provides rebates for the replacement of old heating and air conditioning units with units that meet the Energy Star standards.

Long-Term Solutions

- ***Advanced Metering.*** Connecticut consumers will now have the option to install advanced meters. Advanced meters allow households and businesses to pay for their power usage based on "Time of Use" pricing. Households that choose to run their appliances such as microwaves, televisions and computers during off-peak evening hours will enjoy financial savings in their monthly bills.
- ***Greater Funding for Clean Energy and Conservation.*** Conservation fees currently charged on all customers' monthly bill, will be redirected to the Connecticut Clean Energy and Conservation funds. These funds invest in programs focused on developing cutting - edge conservation and clean energy programs.
- ***Expanding retail options for Connecticut Consumers.*** The law assists companies in joining the competitive marketplace to help give more choices at affordable prices. The law also requires utilities to provide information about additional suppliers. This will make it easier to switch to a lower cost electricity supplier.

As always, should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Dear Neighbor,

During the 2007 Session the Connecticut General Assembly passed comprehensive, sweeping energy legislation designed to assist Connecticut residents with rising energy bills.

This legislation strikes a balance between government oversight of energy production and private generation, while creating alternative choices for those who desire to have more control over the future of their monthly energy bill.

Our goal in passing this legislation is energy conservation and stability in energy prices. The effectiveness of this legislation will be monitored closely in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

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