

CT FUEL OIL CONSERVATION BOARD – PUBLIC HEARING 10/29/08 - COMMENT SUMMARY

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Richard Steeves	State of CT Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB)	Speaker and hard copy provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supports both programs b) Would like to know more about cost effectiveness plans c) Encourages program coordination to reduce costs, benefits customer. d) Specific program coordination with WRAP and HELPS, Home Energy Solutions e) Consider adding renters f) Fund only energy efficient installs, not standard, to maximize savings/costs g) Funding must be spent, coordinate with current programs as much as possible to expend the dollars h) Expedite the 2009 plan 	
Roger Smith, Campaign Director	Clean Water Action	Speaker and hard copy provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Require multiple, competitive bids for htg replacements b) Use no furnace that isn't Energy Star c) Weatherize the homes who get htg system replacements by coordinating with CEEF programs d) Create a monitoring and verification program for installed units 	
Norman Lambert	New Opportunities, Community Action Agency	Speaker, Electronic copy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supports the program and concurs the need is tremendous b) Requests a \$300 financial contribution for their efforts 	
Chris Ehlert –	United Illuminating	Speaker, hard copy provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supports the Board and the plan b) Encourages program coordination with CEEF 	

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<p>Calvin Bunnell</p>	<p>SOAR Steel workers organization of active retirees</p>	<p>Speaker but no hard copy, said he would email me something</p>	<p>programs, HES, HELPS and New Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has members who want to sign up for new furnace. Please help out Seniors. Why isn't FOCB talking to senior centers? Communication between b) FOCB and the seniors of CT. c) Applied for EA, denied for \$5 above income. Represents 1200 people. Do we fall off the list because we don't qualify? 	
<p>Jamie Howland</p>	<p>Environment Northeast</p>	<p>Speaker Hard copy provided</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Htg replacements should be part of a comprehensive program b) All units should be Energy Star, unless impractical c) Boilers replaced should have an indirect hot water tank where cost effective d) Include clock thermostats, outdoor reset controls, etc e) Establish scope of what is considered part of the program besides the unit, and eligible for funding f) Verify that all town permits are complete and accurate g) If using bulk buying, consider using multiple brands and types to determine cost effectiveness h) Coordinate with HES and all LI programs i) Use Brookhaven report to extract 	

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Chris Herb	ICPA	Speaker No hard copy submitted nor electronic	features for the best efficiency. NYSERDA is also doing a study, so is NORA. Supports the plan and oil dealers are ready to provide the services to meet this high demand.	
Tom Casey	Climate Partners HES partner	Speaker No hard copy submitted but says he will email me the testimony, 11/1 sent email reminder. <i>Comments here are Theresa Lavoie's summary of tape replay.</i>	a) Stressed the coordination of efforts with HES to allow oil customers to get a whole house approach to their energy needs. b) Stressed the need for proper equipment sizing. c) Confusion for the public on what program does what; FOCB should help to clarify this. d) It is all about saving the energy...regardless of fuel type. e) Treat houses as whole house approach, even if measures are going to come at a later date.	
Kevin Lynch –	CT Alliance For Retired Americans (represents 60k senior issue)	Speaker Electronic copy provided, TL printed and brought to meeting. Additional comments sent that night, added.	a) Please ensure all CT income eligible residents are assisted, not just the ones on the CAA list b) Does the state have the infrastructure to meet the demand of this number of htg system installations? c) Why does the second part of this plan focus on any other CT residents than LI? He was told all the money would be going for the LI population only. Wants to see \$10 mil on LI htg	

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Sen. Fonfara –	CT House Energy and Technology Committee	Speaker No hard copies, just walked in, asked to give comments <i>Comments here are Theresa Lavoie's summary of tape replay.</i>	<p>replacements as promised. If other programs already exist to provide services, why is the FOCB allocating dollars to this segment?</p> <p>d) Why are there vacancies on the Board? Why haven't appointments been made? You do not have a quorum when you meet because you should have 13 members.</p> <p>a) Thanked the Board for its service, personal commitment and willingness to volunteer</p> <p>b) Realizes and appreciates that by reducing oil demand, oil companies are also reducing revenue opportunities</p> <p>c) Goals of Board are to reduce consumption, save consumers money and save the environment</p> <p>d) Hopes to see new, cutting edge technologies incorporated into future plans</p> <p>e) Commits to continue to help this Board as needed.</p>	
Rabbii Andrea Keiner –	Interreligious faith Group	Speaker no hard copy, sent email to send me something. <i>Comments here are Theresa Lavoie's summary of tape replay.</i>	<p>a) Public trust of using the funds appropriately</p> <p>b) Natural tendency for the Board to want to sell oil, but suggests that the Board needs to wrap itself around saving oil</p> <p>c) Coordinate with the other programs going on right now. CEEF (cover the copay for HES program)</p>	

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<p>Andy Bauer, Chairman derogatory</p>	<p>CT Portland Clean Energy Task Force</p>	<p>Provided hard copy but did not speak</p>	<p>d) FOCB is not in the business of social service e) a) Pay the \$300 copay for oil customers to participate in Home Energy Solutions b) Then start a replacement system program c) Have homeowners get 3 bids on replacements, require a home energy audit d) Use existing energy assistance and welfare dbases to reduce admin costs and verify eligibility</p>	
<p>Martin Mador</p>	<p>Sierra Club, CT Chapter</p>	<p>submitted comments electronically</p>	<p>a) Must coordinate with CEEF programs and cover the Home Energy Solutions copay of \$300 b) Htg systems replaced must meet high efficiency standards c) Home energy audits must be done along with the replacement d) The plan needs more details and analysis of how money is being spent</p>	