



Connecticut Fund
for the Environment

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OPPOSE SB 106/LCO 5680

An Act Concerning the Diversity of Baseload Energy Supplies in the State and Achieving Connecticut's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mandated Levels.

Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE) strongly opposes SB 106, which would give Dominion Resources unprecedented access to ratepayer funds for its Millstone nuclear plant without justification and at the expense of clean energy growth.

1) Millstone is Not in Financial Distress and Does not Need Connecticut Ratepayer's Help.

- a. "No information is available to confirm whether the Millstone units are currently in danger of retirement, and how much ratepayer support – if any – would be needed to retain these units or other existing nuclear." Katie Dykes, Chair, PURA, Testimony to the E&T Committee, March 7, 2017
- b. Dominion has been recording high revenues and stock prices, and is set to receive increased capacity payments from ISO-NE – there is no sign Millstone is in trouble.
- c. Connecticut's investments should be advancing innovative, renewable energy technologies, not outdated technologies of the past.

2) SB 106 Does Not Do Enough to Transition Connecticut to a Clean Energy Future.

- a. **Section 1.** The Proposed solicitation for in-state resources is designed to ensure Millstone will win out against trash-to-energy and biomass; and the solicitation proposed for regional resources does not create any significant growth opportunity for critical clean energy technologies like wind and solar.
- b. **Section 2.** The Proposed Extensions of the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) Are Too Weak and will Not Get us to Needed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reductions targets.
 - i. GHG reductions in the electric sector through energy efficiency, wind and solar are the most cost-effective ways to meet Connecticut's climate goals.
 - ii. Other states in the region have put more aggressive RPS standards in place. (*e.g.*, New York has a mandate of achieving 50% renewable generation by 2030; Rhode Island's mandate is 40% by 2035; and Mass. is currently considering legislation with 2-3% annual increases).
 - iii. Data Presented by the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) shows that Connecticut needs at least 50% renewables from the electric sector by 2030 to meet its overall GHG reduction mandates in the Global Warming Solutions Act. See CG3 Meeting slides, September 8, 2016: http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/climatechange/gc3/gc3_mitigationwedges_09_08_2016.pdf
- c. **Section 3.** The Proposed One-Year Extension of the Procurement Program for small (less than 1 MW) Class I Zero Emissions resources (known as the ZREC program) is insufficient – should be extended at a minimum for two years.

**Dominion is Doing Just Fine –
Connecticut's Energy Policy Should be focused on Clean, Renewable Energy Growth!!!**