

The Honorable Ned Lamont
Governor
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Cc: Commissioner Katie Dykes

RE: MOPR Elimination

Dear Governor Lamont,

Your Department of Energy & Environmental Protection has identified reform of ISO-NE, and specifically reform of the Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR), as a critical strategy for Connecticut to meet our climate and clean energy goals. DEEP's Integrated Resources Plan, the guide for state action, says "ISO-NE's MOPR has gone well beyond its market-protection purposes" and calls for Connecticut to pursue reforms "including supporting elimination of the MOPR."

Transitioning away from fossil fuel generation to clean and renewable energy is essential in order to meet the greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate of Connecticut's Global Warming Solutions Act. The MOPR is preventing Connecticut from meeting its mandated emission reduction targets by keeping clean and renewable energy from entering the market, and allowing the most polluting, dirty generation facilities to continue operating. These facilities are disproportionately located in environmental justice communities. The MOPR also increases energy prices foisted on Connecticut residents who are already facing higher-than-usual winter heating costs.

That is why we, the undersigned organizations, were dismayed by the vote on February 3, 2022 where ISO-New England stakeholders elected to delay fixing the MOPR.

We urge you and your Department of Energy & Environmental Protection to publicly oppose the decision to delay fixing the MOPR and call on FERC to require ISO-NE to implement necessary MOPR reforms now, without delay.

Signed,

Acadia Center
Ashford Clean Energy Task Force
Clean Water Action
Connecticut Citizen Action Group
Connecticut League of Conservation Voters
CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs
Conservation Law Foundation
Eastern CT Green Action
Environment Connecticut

No More Dirty Power in Killingly
People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE)
Portland Clean Energy Task Force
Sierra Club Connecticut
The Jonah Center for Earth and Art
The Nature Conservancy in CT
Wilton Go Green, Inc.