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Public comment to DEEP about Electrification NOT Alternative Fossil Fuels

Date: November 4, 9 am - 5 pm (public comment will take place near the beginning and end of the meeting)

Agenda for the meeting:

- Welcome & Introduction
- Current use of fossil and alternative fuels in CT
- **Public Comment**
- Overview of Alternative Fuels (session is expected to cover biodiesel, renewable diesel, bioethanol, biomethane, propane, biopropane, hydrogen [variety of colors], and syngas for use in buildings, vehicles, and electricity generation)
- Benefits of Alternative Fuels*
- Challenges with Alternative Fuels*
- Strategies for Optimal Use of Alternative Fuels*
- **Public Comment**
- Wrap Up

*presentations

Register: https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsc-GqrzMrH9x7rMnidFxdEsTiCnm_M_Rh

About the public comment session

Connecticut DEEP is currently undergoing a series of meetings to inform the development of the Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES), which guides future energy policy for the state of Connecticut. The Governor has directed DEEP, through Executive Order 21-3 to include in the CES a set of strategies to:

1. provide for more affordable heating and cooling for Connecticut residents and businesses
2. achieve reductions in GHG emissions from residential buildings and industrial facilities as needed to enable the state to meet the economy-wide GHG reduction targets for 2030 and 2050 established in the Global Warming Solutions Act, and
3. improve the resilience of the state's energy sector to extreme weather events, fuel commodity price spikes, and other disruptions

The answer to all of these challenges is to ramp up energy efficiency and electrify everything. But, fossil fuel interests - the large corporations and smaller local companies that sell gas and oil - don't want that to happen. They are using their money, influence and power to keep Connecticut hooked on fossil fuels. They will say that alternate fuels are the answer, but they're not.

That's why you need to show up and make a public comment.

Here's how to comment:

1. Register for the meeting
2. You will have 3 minutes to comment during the public comment section of the meeting.
You can use as little or as much of that time as you need
3. Tell who you are (name, town you live in)
4. Talk about why DEEP should support electrification and NOT fossil fuels. Here's a few suggested talking points:
 - a. Alternate fuels like biodiesel and so called renewable natural gas do not solve the problem of burning fuels to heat our buildings. Pollution from combustion will continue. The solution is energy efficiency and electrification - heat pumps, solar and battery storage.
 - b. Fossil fuel corporations are advocating to keep up their profits and launch their pet fossil fuel projects. This is not in the public interest. An energy plan that focuses on energy efficiency and electrification - heat pumps and solar - is in the public interest. It will reduce pollution, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve health, and help mitigate the impacts of spiking fossil fuel prices.
 - c. Federal funds are available to help pay for the transition to clean energy. We need a state energy plan that brings those funds into our state.
 - d. Local companies that currently sell oil and propane fuels and equipment can gradually pivot to installing and maintaining heat pumps. They can also become energy efficiency companies.
5. Tell your personal story
 - a. Have you already gone all-electric at home (or part of the way and working on the rest)? Say it, so they hear from real people that it is possible.
 - b. Are you a young person worried about the future? Say it, so they know you want significant changes not more fossil fuel solutions.