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Kimberley J. Santopietro
Executive Secretary
Department of Public Utility Control
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 10-12-05 - Petition of the Office of Consumer Counsel for a Declaratory Ruling that the Pending Merger of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR Requires Approval by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control

Dear Ms. Santopietro:

On December 23, 2010, the Department issued a notice providing participants in this docket the opportunity to file written comments on the Office of Consumer Counsel's ("OCC") petition for declaratory ruling. Prior to issuance of the notice, Northeast Utilities ("NU") filed its response to the OCC's petition, explaining that the statutory provisions relied upon by OCC do not apply to the proposed merger involving NU and NSTAR, and provide no basis for issuance of the OCC's requested declaratory ruling. Accordingly, NU will rely upon its December 15, 2010 response and will not be submitting additional written comments pursuant to the notice.

Please contact me if there are any questions with respect to this filing.

Very truly yours,

Daniel P. Venora

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