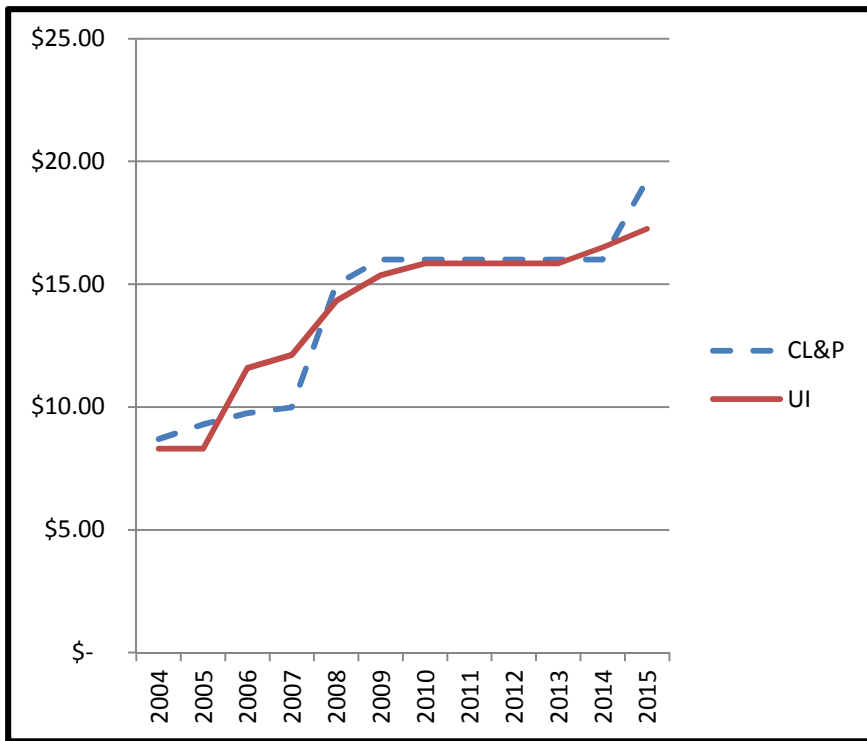


CT Needs to Lower and Cap High Fixed Charges for Electricity

Vote YES on SB570!

Connecticut's electric customers need relief now. Fixed charges for electric service have risen dramatically over the last decade. Fixed charges are flat monthly rates that the customer must pay just to have access to electricity. For residential customers, fixed charges have increased by more than four times the rate of inflation – to the highest (Eversource/CL&P, \$19.25/month) and second highest (UI, \$17.25/month) in New England for any major electric utility.



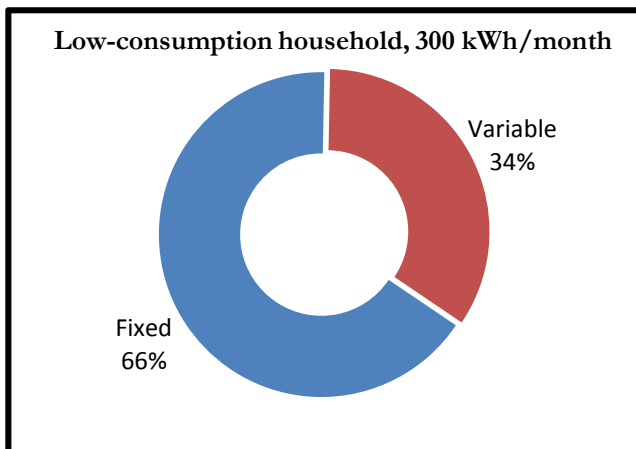
Residential Fixed Charge Continues to Rise

Eversource/CL&P's residential charge – up 121% (2004 to now)

UI's residential charge – up 107% (2004 to now)

(cumulative inflation only 25% over same period)

High fixed charges hurt progress on energy efficiency and clean energy, hindering the growth of a green jobs economy. Fixed charges fall hardest on those customers that use the least electricity, they devalue efficiency and renewables investments, and they reduce the ability of consumers to control their energy costs. CT can do better – by lowering and capping residential and small business fixed charges.



High fixed charges also take away residential consumers' control over their energy costs – especially efficient users, those on limited incomes, seniors, and households with rooftop solar. The effect on an Eversource residential customer who consumes less electricity is unfair. Most of that customer's distribution costs will be unavoidable due to a high fixed charge.

SB570 – AAC Electric Fixed Bill Fees and Grid Modernization

- Caps electric fixed charges for residential customers at \$10/month.
- Implements a range of reforms that will support expansion of clean energy alternatives.

In March, the Energy & Technology Committee passed the bill and sent it forward. Votes in the full House and Senate will happen in the coming weeks.

Contact your Senator and Representative and urge them to co-sponsor SB570 to place a \$10 cap on monthly residential fixed charges.

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CALL TODAY! Ask for your legislator, and leave a message with his/her aide:

"My name is [**your name**]. I live in [**your town**]. I'm calling to urge [**your legislator**] to co-sponsor SB570, which will cap fixed electric charges and modernize the grid. I support creating local clean energy jobs by strengthening incentives for residential energy efficiency and renewables. Please VOTE YES on SB570."

Supporting Organizations (as of 3/23/15)

Acadia Center	Environmental Energy Solutions
CT Roundtable on Climate & Jobs	Fight the Hike
CT AFL-CIO	Grand Ave. Special Services District (New Haven)
Interreligious Eco-Justice Network	Healthy City/Healthy Climate Challenge
City of Bridgeport	The Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University
City of Hartford	IBEW Local 420
City of New Haven	Labor Network for Sustainability
Clean Water Action Connecticut	Naugatuck Valley Project
Connecticut Alliance for Retired Americans	New Haven/Leon Sister City Project
Connecticut Center for a New Economy	North Haven Clean Energy Task Force
Connecticut Citizen Action Group	PACE (Peoples Action for Clean Energy)
Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice	Portland Clean Energy Task Force
Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ	SEIU Connecticut State Council
Connecticut Fund for the Environment	Sierra Club - Connecticut Chapter
CT Alliance for Basic Human Needs	Spanish American Merchants Association
CT State Council of Machinists	Union Energy Alliance
Enviro Energy Connections	United Auto Workers - Region 9A
Environment Connecticut	

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