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.

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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Not sure who your legislators are? Enter your street address at: bit.ly/CT-legislators

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

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