



# New England Ratepayers Association

## Malloy Right to Add Large-Scale Hydro to RPS

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CONCORD, NH – The New England Ratepayers Association strongly supports Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy's efforts to include Large-Scale Hydro in his state's Renewable Portfolio Standards.

"Governor Malloy should be lauded for taking an important first step towards fixing a broken Renewable Portfolio Standard," said Marc Brown, President of the New England Ratepayers Association. "Connecticut has the highest electricity costs in the lower forty-eight and Governor Malloy has proactively sought some relief by supporting large-scale hydro's inclusion in RPS. Our organization opposes RPS, which unquestionably raise the cost of electricity. However, adding large-scale hydro should increase competition within the RPS, which will result in lower electricity costs for ratepayers."

The bill would potentially allow for electricity to be purchased from large-scale hydro in lieu of more expensive wind, solar and biomass.

"We hope that the Connecticut House of Representatives will follow the leadership exhibited by Governor Malloy on this issue and pass SB1138, which passed the Connecticut State Senate in a bi-partisan vote last week. Other Governors in New England should follow Connecticut's lead on this issue and focus on lowering the cost of electricity in the region and not pandering to interest groups with hopes of gaining political favor. "

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About NERA: The New England Ratepayers Association (NERA) is a non-profit advocacy group focused on promoting sound public policy that protects utility customers, both families and businesses, and lowers the cost of regulated services. Lower cost energy, water, and telecommunications services in New England will be an important driver for keeping the region's economy competitive and retaining and returning manufacturing and high tech jobs for the 21st century.