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Energize ConnecticutSM Earns 2024 ENERGY STAR[®] Partner of the Year Sustained Excellence Award

Sponsors receive nationally recognized energy efficiency award for ninth time

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. – March 26, 2024 — The Sponsors of Energize ConnecticutSM, Eversource and Avangrid, Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas, are proud to announce that they have received the 2024 ENERGY STAR[®] Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. This is the ninth time the sponsors have been recognized for their joint efforts, continued leadership and commitment to providing robust energy efficiency programs for customers in Connecticut.

The 2023 award recognized Eversource and the Avangrid subsidiaries for several core programs designed to help customers save energy. Key accomplishments include:

- Providing incentives for 888 pieces of ENERGY STAR certified equipment, a 17 percent increase in unit sales from 2022.
- Foodservice programs seeing a 32 percent increase in therms savings and a 55 percent increase in pieces of equipment rebated, compared to the same time in 2022.
- The heating, cooling and water heating programs saving 860,000 kWh annually on ENERGY STAR certified equipment. This is a 166 percent increase compared to the same period in 2022.

“We’re proud to equip customers with a variety of energy efficiency programs and resources that help them reduce their energy usage and lower their energy bills,” said Eversource Director of Energy Efficiency Ron Araujo. “ENERGY STAR is an important partner for the Sponsors of Energize CT, as we strive to help businesses and residents in the state to make informed decisions and build a clean energy future. It’s an honor to be recognized again with the Partner of the Year Award by the EPA and DOE for our collaborative efforts. We look forward to continuing our work together and mitigating the effects of climate change through the delivery of our energy efficiency programs.”

“A clean energy future is dependent on everyone – our state and community leaders, business partners, customers and national programs like ENERGY STAR,” said Frank Reynolds, President & CEO of UI, SCG and CNG. “We are proud to be a part of a community that wants to make a positive impact on our environment and find ways to be more energy efficient. This award reflects that commitment, and it’s a privilege to receive this award again – for the ninth year – on your behalf.”

“President Biden’s Investing in America agenda creates unprecedented opportunity to build a clean energy economy, and private sector partners through programs like ENERGY STAR are leading the way,” said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. “I congratulate this year’s ENERGY STAR award winners for their innovation and leadership, in delivering cost-effective energy efficient solutions that

create jobs, address climate change, and contribute to a healthier environment for all.”

The Sustained Excellence award is the highest honor presented by the ENERGY STAR program. This recognition is reserved for organizations who have earned Partner of the Year award several years in a row and continue to surpass their goals year over year. Winners are selected from a network of thousands of ENERGY STAR partners. For a complete list of 2024 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR’s awards program, visit energystar.gov/awardwinners.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut is an initiative dedicated to empowering Connecticut to make smart energy choices, now and in the future. We provide Connecticut consumers, businesses, and communities the resources and information they need to make it easy to save energy and build a clean energy future for everyone in the state. It is an initiative of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities. The initiative has funding support from a charge on customer energy bills.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners helped American families and businesses avoid more than \$500 billion in energy costs and achieve more than 4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. More background information about ENERGY STAR’s impacts can be found at www.energystar.gov/impacts and state-level information can be found at www.energystar.gov/statefacts.