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Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG Honored by EPA as 2017 ENERGY STAR® Partners of the Year

Companies recognized nationally for delivery of energy efficiency programs in Connecticut

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. – May 2, 2017 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized Energize Connecticut partners Eversource, United Illuminating, Connecticut Natural Gas and Southern Connecticut Gas as 2017 ENERGY STAR® Partners of the Year for Energy Efficiency Program Delivery.

The ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award, one of the EPA’s highest honors, highlights outstanding commitments to the creation and promotion of environmentally responsible energy efficiency initiatives. The Program Delivery category specifically recognizes states, utilities and organizations that sponsor energy efficiency programs to improve the efficiency of products, homes and buildings within their community.

“Thanks to the creative program implementation of partners like Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, consumers can more easily find energy-efficient ENERGY STAR products in the marketplace,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “Energize Connecticut leads the way by helping Connecticut residents learn how they can protect our environment through energy efficiency.”

Together, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG administer Energize Connecticut programs. Energize Connecticut is an initiative to help consumers save money and use clean, affordable energy. ENERGY STAR resources and products are components of several of these programs. UI, SCG and CNG are subsidiaries of Orange-based AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR).

“Our goal is to inform and educate our customers on making smarter energy choices, and our continuous relationship with the EPA and the ENERGY STAR brand has helped make that a reality,” said Anthony Marone III, President & CEO of AVANGRID’s Connecticut companies. “We look forward to expanding our efforts to provide a positive impact to our residential and business customers alike.”

“We are delighted that the EPA has again recognized our efforts in supporting and engaging our customers to help them become more energy efficient,” said Penni Conner, Chief Customer Officer and Senior Vice President of Customer Care for Eversource Energy. “This is an exciting award that not only highlights Connecticut as a national leader in energy efficiency, but shows how we work hard to help our customers save money and save energy.”



Representatives from both companies were recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on April 26.

In 2016, Eversource and the AVANGRID subsidiaries accomplished the following in Connecticut:

- Supported 157 municipalities and boards of education in Connecticut to actively track the energy performance of 2,900 buildings; 90% of municipal and Board of Education buildings have been benchmarked.
- Expanded the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program to include an income-eligible residential offering.
- Transitioned HPwES contractor participation to an open-market model where any qualified contractor meeting program standards can participate.
- Increased sales of ENERGY STAR certified LEDs. LEDs make up over 74% of the product mix in Connecticut with sales of over 2.5 million products
- Connected with more than 10,330 Connecticut residents through the EPA Change the World Tour in October. The tour promoted ENERGY STAR certified LEDs and community action.
- Introduced web services that link utility accounts directly to an ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager.
- Collaborated with the Weatherization Assistance Program to help maximize customers' savings through cost sharing of the overall project.
- All of these initiatives are strengthened through the ENERGY STAR product promotion at the Energize Connecticut Center.

For a complete list of 2016 winners and more information about ENERGY STAR's awards program, visit www.energystar.gov/awardwinners.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

About Eversource

Eversource (NYSE: ES) transmits and delivers electricity to 1.2 million customers in 149 cities and towns and provides natural gas to 229,000 customers in 72 communities in Connecticut. Eversource harnesses the commitment of its approximately 8,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of delivering reliable energy and superior customer service. For more information, please visit our website (www.eversource.com) and follow us on Twitter (@EversourceCT) and Facebook (facebook.com/EversourceCT).

About UI

The United Illuminating Company (UI), established in 1899, is engaged in the purchase, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity and related services to approximately 333,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in the greater New Haven and Bridgeport areas of Connecticut. UI is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR). For more information, visit www.uinet.com.

About SCG and CNG

The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG) and Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG) are subsidiaries of AVANGRID, Inc. (NYSE: AGR). Established in 1847, SCG serves approximately 198,000 residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the greater New Haven and Bridgeport areas of Connecticut. CNG, established in 1848, serves approximately 176,000 residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the greater Hartford-New Britain area, and Greenwich, Connecticut. For more information, visit www.soconngas.com and www.cngcorp.com.

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Front row, left to right: Sheri Borrelli, United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas; Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Eversource; Jennifer Parsons, United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas

Back row, left to right: Ely Jacobsohn, ENERGY STAR, Department of Energy; Ronald Araujo, Eversource; Diane Duva, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Agency; Marissa Westbrook, United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas; Jesus Pernia, Eversource