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Dear Commissioners UTC,

As a General Contractor, having multiple fuel options for my customers is crucial. Especially in outlying areas. Propane has been proven to be safe for the environment, natural gas infrastructure is already in place, so the Alternative Fuels option makes the most sense & is the most cost effective. We are already overburdening the housing industry with taxes, codes that continue to add more cost. And yet you demand & the world needs more affordable housing. The electric grid can't handle it, if alternative fuels are not allowed.

Thank you for allowing me time to discuss the decarbonization pathways identified in UTC docket U-2021-210553. After analyzing the documents provided by the UTC online, I would urge support of the Alternative Fuels scenario that includes Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) as an alternative fuel source. According to the data provided by SSG, this is the lowest cost and least burdensome pathway forward toward decarbonizing our energy sources. I believe it would be a mistake to fully abandon natural gas as a viable energy source after 2050. Natural gas, and likely RNG in the future, provides "on demand" energy that is either used by households or utilities to generate electricity. Without scaling up RNG or other "on demand" sources like hydropower and nuclear, I fear that intermittent energy sources like solar and wind will fail to produce enough energy for our state's needs. We need to ensure we decarbonize correctly and at the right pace. Making any mistake will be serious, if not deadly.

Sincerely,

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