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Energize Connecticut Sponsors Receive Innovation Award from U.S. Department of Energy

*Eversource and AVANGRID, Inc. subsidiaries UI, SCG and CNG recognized for development of
U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Score program in Connecticut*

ORANGE, Conn. (August 25, 2021) – Energize Connecticut sponsors Eversource and AVANGRID, Inc. subsidiaries United Illuminating, Southern Connecticut Gas and Connecticut Natural Gas announced today that their Home Energy Score energy efficiency initiative has received the Housing Innovation Award from the U.S. Department of Energy. The award recognizes agencies or organizations that implement creative strategies to support home energy scoring programs.

“We are thrilled to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for our work to improve energy efficiency in homes across Connecticut,” said Eversource Director of Energy Efficiency Implementation Ron Araujo. “Even small improvements can make a big difference when it comes to energy performance, and we are proud to offer this tool to Connecticut homeowners and renters.”

“We are proud that our programs help our customers become energy efficient and improve the energy performance of their homes,” said Avangrid Senior Manager of Conservation and Load Management Hammad Chaudhry. “It is a great honor for us to receive the U.S. Department of Energy recognition of our Home Energy Score initiative.”

The Home Energy Score program helps homeowners and renters compare the energy performance of their home to other homes nationwide, a guide similar to miles-per-gallon comparisons for vehicles. This information helps homeowners understand their energy use so they can make improvements that will save energy and money. Certified technicians collect energy information about homes during an

energy assessment, scoring the homes to indicate the home's actual energy performance and then provide a second score based on achievable energy saving recommendations.

The goal of the Home Energy Score program is to encourage homeowners and renters to save energy, to make them more aware of their home's energy efficiency and, to encourage efficiency improvements. Home Energy Scores include a variety of energy efficiency measures that help homeowners and renters save money and improve comfort. The score allows for greater transparency, so home buyers and renters can make informed decisions around energy bills and costs.

Energize Connecticut is an initiative dedicated to empowering smart energy choices and helping consumers save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, and provides energy saving resources and information to consumers, businesses and communities across the state.

About Eversource:

Eversource (NYSE: ES), celebrated as a national leader for its corporate citizenship, is the #1 energy company in [Newsweek's](#) list of America's Most Responsible Companies for 2021 and recognized as one of America's Most JUST Companies. Eversource transmits and delivers electricity to 1.27 million customers in 149 cities and towns, provides natural gas to 246,000 customers in 74 communities, and supplies water to approximately 216,000 customers in 52 communities across Connecticut. Eversource harnesses the commitment of approximately 9,300 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of safely delivering reliable energy and water with superior customer service. The #1 energy efficiency provider in the nation, the company is empowering a clean energy future in the Northeast, with nationally-recognized energy efficiency solutions and successful programs to integrate new clean energy resources like solar, offshore wind, electric vehicles and battery storage, into the electric system. For more information, please visit [eversource.com](https://www.eversource.com), and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#). For more information on our water services, visit [aquarionwater.com](https://www.aquarionwater.com).

About UI:

The United Illuminating Company (UI) is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. Established in 1899, UI operates approximately 3,500 miles of electric distribution lines and 139 miles of transmission lines. It serves approximately 339,000 customers in the greater New Haven and Bridgeport areas of Connecticut. UI received the Edison Electric Institute's Emergency Recovery Award recognizing the company's response to the May 2018 storms that impacted its service territory. For more information, visit www.uinet.com.

About SCG:

The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (SCG) is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. Established in 1847, SCG operates approximately 2,500 miles of natural gas distribution pipelines, serving approximately 203,000 customers in the greater New Haven and Bridgeport areas of Connecticut. For more information, visit www.soconngas.com.

About CNG:

Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CNG) is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. Established in 1848, CNG operates 2,160 miles of natural gas distribution pipeline, serving approximately 191,000 customers across 26 communities

in the greater Hartford-New Britain area, and Greenwich, Connecticut. For more information, visit www.cngcorp.com.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Connecticut Green Bank, the State, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG with funding from a charge on customer energy bills.

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