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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 46

WHEREAS, this administration is committed to ensuring that Connecticut remain a national leader in addressing climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through innovative energy policy;

WHEREAS, in 2008, Connecticut returned greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels, and has committed to further reducing emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, and to 80% below 2001 levels by 2050;

WHEREAS, the state is in a position to achieve the 2020 target well ahead of schedule;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the ambitious 2050 target, coordination among state agencies, local governments, business and industry, and non-governmental organizations is necessary, as this diversity of perspectives will ensure that policy and program recommendations are more robust;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change originally established in 2002 included only state agency personnel and has been inactive since 2011; and

WHEREAS, in light of the need for diverse stakeholders to collaborate to establish the means for achieving long-term greenhouse gas emission reductions, the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change should be dissolved and a new Council established to fulfill this mission.

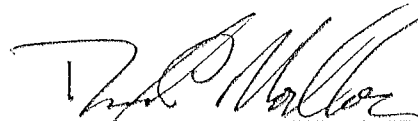
NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANNEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of the State of Connecticut do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. The existing Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change is hereby disbanded;
2. There is established a new Governor's Council on Climate Change (the Council) that shall examine the efficacy of existing policies and regulations designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and identify new strategies to meet the established emission reduction targets;
3. The Council will be administered through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, which shall provide staff support; and
4. The Council shall:
 - a. Meet at least quarterly, at dates, times, and locations to be established by the chair;
 - b. Establish interim goals that, if met, will ensure that the state will achieve the 2050 target;
 - c. Monitor greenhouse gas emission levels in Connecticut annually to establish whether the state is poised to meet the interim goals and the 2050 target;
 - d. Recommend policies, regulations, or legislative actions that will assist in achieving the interim goals and 2050 target;
 - e. Report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and the Office of Policy and Management in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-200a, no later than January 1, 2016, and biannually thereafter.
5. The Council shall be comprised of 15 individuals as follows:
 - a. The Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, or the Commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair,

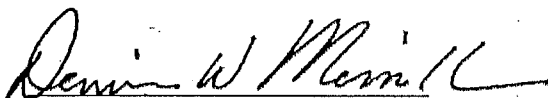
- b. The Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management, or the Secretary's designee,
 - c. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - d. The Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - e. The Commissioner of the Department of Economic & Community Development, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - f. The Commissioner of the Connecticut Insurance Department, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - g. The Commissioner of the Department of Housing, or the Commissioner's designee,
 - h. A Commissioner of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,
 - i. The Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Green Bank,
 - j. The Executive Director of the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaption (CIRCA),
 - k. Five individuals who represent business and industry, non-governmental organizations, or local government, appointed by the Governor.
6. Members of the Council shall serve two-year terms from the first day of May in the year in which they are appointed, and until a successor has been appointed. All members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
7. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 22 day of April, 2015.


Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

By His Excellency's Order


Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State

