

*Lawmakers urge utility company to take advantage of available assistance, expedite recovery*

HARTFORD – The Connecticut Congressional Delegation announced today that additional utility crews are being made available to Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) from around the country to aid in ongoing storm recovery efforts.

At the urging of Governor Malloy and the Delegation, the Department of Energy coordinated with the American Public Power Association (APPA), which arranged for additional crews to be redirected from places like New Jersey and Massachusetts to help Connecticut.

Earlier this week the Delegation reached out to Secretary of Energy Steven Chu to press for all available assistance – a request they [reiterated](#) today. Secretary Chu sent Bill Bryan, the Department’s Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Security and Energy Restoration to Connecticut to help ensure that the agency is doing everything possible to respond. The additional utility crews are a direct result of Bryan’s meetings on the ground yesterday in Hartford with Governor Malloy and the Congressional Delegation, represented by Cong. John Larson (CT-01), Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) and Joe Courtney (CT-02).

The delegation released the following joint statement:

“We are grateful for the response from the federal government to our concerns, and hope that CL&P takes full advantage of these available resources in order to restore power to our state as quickly as possible.”

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