



The Connecticut Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge (the “Challenge”) is a campaign that helps communities reduce energy waste and reap the benefits of clean, renewable energy. Our goal is to help your community reduce its energy waste by 20 percent. Under a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy that is administered on behalf of your municipal government by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, there are 14 towns across the state participating in our Challenge. By achieving its energy savings goals, your community can win valuable rewards, like free solar and energy saving upgrades.

**WHY WE NEED A RELEASE** – For the Challenge to be successful, we need access to utility account and actual energy usage data for your home, as well as data on energy saving measures installed in your home (collectively “Data”). This Data will allow us to more accurately personalize energy savings estimates for home energy improvements provided by participating contractors, ensure that installed measures are delivering the expected energy savings, and allow us to provide feedback to you on energy reductions. This Data also allows us to accurately reward your community for energy reductions and energy savings actions taken by participating households. If we can’t track your energy actions and energy usage, then we can’t count it for the community rewards program. This Data will also be used in the Department of Energy’s and our own program research for evaluation purposes. We take the security and privacy of your information very seriously. The Challenge will protect the confidentiality of your Data in compliance with all applicable laws. We will never sell, rent, or otherwise release personal data, including the Data, to outside parties.

**Utility and Energy Supplier Information**

Electricity Utility: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Gas Utility: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Fuel Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_  Oil  Propane Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Utility and Energy Supplier and Program Information Release**

**ENERGY USAGE AND CONSERVATION INFORMATION RELEASE** – As the account holder, I hereby authorize and give permission to the utilities and energy suppliers named above to release the Data to the Challenge or its agents, and the U.S. Department of Energy, for confidential use in connection with calculating energy savings estimates, evaluating the effectiveness of the program, and for determining reward levels for performance-based community rewards. This permission is given for 1) my historic energy usage, and monthly and total amount of energy used at my utility service address; 2) the total monthly price charged for fuels used by my household; and 3) conservation program-related information. In addition to the use of this Data for the Challenge, the Data may also be anonymized and aggregated to be used for non-commercial research purposes.

**PROGRAM DATA RELEASE** – As a participant in this Challenge sponsored by my municipal government, I hereby authorize the Challenge and its authorized agents to access my Data and release it to the U.S. Department of Energy, for confidential use in connection with calculating energy savings estimates, evaluation the effectiveness of its program, and for determining reward levels for performance-based community rewards, and, in addition, I authorize the Challenge and the U.S. Department of Energy to use my anonymized data or anonymized aggregated energy usage data for research purposes during and after the completion of the Challenge program.

**RELEASE PERIOD** – This authorization covers Data for the period starting 24 months before the date below and ending 36 months after the date below. I may revoke this authorization by written notice to Customer Service, Connecticut Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, 860B Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

I hereby release and hold harmless the Challenge, the above-named utilities and energy suppliers, and their affiliates, employees, officers and agents from any and all liability associated with the dissemination and use of such account and program information and this authorization. An electronic copy of this authorization may be accepted with the same authority as the original.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Utility Service Address** (if different): \_\_\_\_\_