NORWICH ETHICS COMMISSION

DIANA BOISCLAIR STATEMENT
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Question: What is your name and position with Norwich Public Utilities ("NPU") and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative ("CMEEC")?

Answer: My name is Diana Boisclair; I am a commissioner for NPU. I have been a commissioner since 2003. My fellow commissioners appointed me Chair in 2015. I am currently an alternate for CMEEC for Norwich Public Utilities.

Question: How and why were you invited to participate in the May 2016 CMEEC Board retreat in Kentucky?

Answer: As an alternate I was invited to attend the Board Retreat in May 2016. CMEEC's Chief Executive Officer invited me.

Question: How did you come to serve as one of NPU's representatives on the CMEEC Board?

Answer: I was asked to be an alternate after one of our commissioners resigned his position at NPU.

Question: As an alternate CMEEC director why did you feel you should attend the retreat?

Answer: CMEEC's CEO and the General Manager of NPU suggested to me that my attendance at the retreat would give me the opportunity to meet other utility professionals and commissioners.

Question: During the trip, did you speak with CMEEC staff or fellow Board members about CMEEC business?

Answer: Yes, because I was new at my position as Chair for NPU, I was very interested with having the opportunity to hear experiences that CMEEC staff and other Utilities commissioners or staff had with working together.

Question: Are you paid for serving as a CMEEC Board member?

Answer: No.

Question: What is your perspective on the trip?

Answer: By attending the retreat I did not think that I would be violating any of the Norwich Code of Ethics. I truly regret the awful publicity that this retreat has caused for Norwich Public Utilities and the town of Norwich. My intention in attending the retreat was to meet other utility management and commissioners. I also wanted to represent NPU in the most professional way, I am truly sorry that this turned out in the way that it has.