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1. For the Yale team, a company has just started a wind farm in CT. I think it is or three wind turbines. They should be interviewed because they have the studied wind patterns in CT.
2. What is CERES?
3. Why do non-profits have to be attuned with business messages? Why can't non-profits be trying to change business messages?
4. Someone thought that Germany is not a good model to look at. Actually Germany has less solar intensity than CT on average. They have taken off with solar energy. A couple of reasons is that they allowed regional solar power companies; they also bought excess solar produced at retail rates or higher, not some wholesale price where there is not much incentive to produce excess power.
5. How about companies that are not located in CT, but have infrastructure here. I am thinking about the companies that own transmission gas lines in CT such as Kinder-Morgan and Spectra Energy. I don't believe they have offices in CT, but operate the gas lines remotely from Texas or Tennessee. However, they vent and leak natural gas during their operations that contribute to CT's emissions. Natural gas being a greenhouse gas.
6. If the GC3 wants to have ownership of what is happening, they are not leading. Leadership should convince the stakeholders that they have ownership, at least partly.
7. Carbon offsets were mentioned as a way to cut emissions. In many cases, these offsets have turned out to be false cuts. Several European countries have cap and trade on emissions. It has not worked well because many companies buy offsets in other countries that end up being something the company selling the offset was going to do anyway. Thus no actual cut in emissions.

Sincerely,
Gary Bent