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## News

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### **CONNECTICUT PENSION PLANS REACH SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENT WITH PEABODY ENERGY**

*Coal Company Will Report on Fossil Fuels Concerns*

HARTFORD, CT – State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier announced today that Peabody Energy, a Missouri-based coal company, has agreed to produce a report regarding fossil fuels and their impact on climate change. As a result of this agreement, Treasurer Nappier decided to withdraw a shareholder resolution filed by the Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds (“CRPTF”) that called for this report.

“As the principal fiduciary of the CRPTF, I have a responsibility to make sure that companies in which we invest examine the potential liability of climate risk on their bottom line. The agreement with Peabody Energy to prepare a report signals its understanding of the seriousness of our resolve and of the importance of determining the impact of climate change on the company going forward. We will continue to monitor Peabody Energy to ensure that it is taking appropriate steps toward long-term sustainability,” said Treasurer Nappier.

Connecticut’s shareholder resolution called on the company to prepare a report “on the company’s goals and plans to address global concerns regarding fossil fuels and their contribution to climate change, including analysis of long and short term financial and operational risks to the company.” In its agreement, Peabody committed to prepare a report on carbon capture and storage in the context of low carbon scenarios.

Treasurer Nappier noted that the CRPTF reserves the right to refile its shareholder resolution if Peabody Energy does not make sufficient progress in its planning to address climate concerns. She requested that the company, in its report, explain its rationale for not using carbon pricing in assessing risks.

As of March 19, 2014, the CRPTF held 59,800 shares of Peabody Energy valued at \$949,026 and Peabody bonds valued at \$2,431,087.50.

Peabody Energy is the second energy company during the 2014 proxy season to agree to prepare a report addressing climate risk, leading to the withdrawal of a shareholder resolution by the CRPTF.

In January, FirstEnergy, an Ohio-based energy producer, agreed to produce a comprehensive report on the company's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In its agreement letter dated January 9, FirstEnergy wrote that it "intends to incorporate information, as applicable, on additional policies that the Company could adopt and additional actions the Company could take to reduce its greenhouse gas emission in connection with President Obama's goal of an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions into our Sustainability Report, which we expect will be made available on our website by October 1, 2014."

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