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## Vistra Energy Sponsors Connecticut Science Center's Women in Science Programming

**HARTFORD, CT (September 12, 2019)** – The Connecticut Science Center is excited to announce a new supporter for its Women in Science initiative- Vistra Energy. The Women in Science initiative encourages girls and young women to pursue studies and career paths in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and celebrates the achievements of women in the sciences. With Vistra's support, the initiative seeks to further bridge the gender gap in STEM by developing original programming and continuing to build the community of women in the sciences.

"The Women in Science program is one of the many innovative and important initiatives here at the Connecticut Science Center." Said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President & CEO, "Though women comprise slightly more than half of the U.S. population, the number of women in the combined STEM-related fields remains relatively low, and it is important to provide young girls the opportunity to explore STEM careers."

Vistra is proud to support youth education programs, especially those related to STEM, and is committed to strengthening the places where it serves customers, and where its valued employees live and call home. As an integrated power company, Vistra Energy operates numerous subsidiary businesses in Connecticut, including retail electricity company Public Power, along with power generation subsidiary Luminant which operates natural gas-fueled Lake Road and Milford Power Plants.

"From engineers to environmental scientists, Vistra employs hundreds of individuals with STEM backgrounds, and we are honored to support the critical efforts of the Women in Science initiative," said Cynthia Vodopivec, Vistra's Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety. "As a professional with a STEM degree and career who lives right here in Connecticut, I'm proud that there are programs like Women in Science, which focus on encouraging and teaching students about the importance and value of pursuing STEM education."

The Women in Science initiative was launched in 2013 and consists of family programs, special events, lectures, and increased awareness of gender and culture. The Connecticut Science Center hosts activities such as meetings of the Women in Science Steering Committee, monthly Women in Science Saturday programs, the CASE for Engineering workshops, and more.



"Through Vistra's commitment to support STEM education initiatives, we take pride in powering the next generation of scientists," said Caroline Atkins, Vistra community affairs manager. "We are helping to fill the pipeline of future STEM employees and community leaders by investing in STEM programs."

To learn more about the Women in Science Initiative, visit the Connecticut Science Center's website at [CTScienceCenter.org/Programs/WIS](http://CTScienceCenter.org/Programs/WIS).

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**About the Connecticut Science Center:** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 3.25 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or (860) SCIENCE.

**About Vistra Energy:** Vistra Energy (NYSE: VST) is a premier, integrated energy company based in Irving, Texas, combining an innovative, customer-centric approach to retail with a focus on safe, reliable, and efficient power generation. Through its retail and generation businesses, Vistra operates in 20 states and the District of Columbia, and six of the seven competitive markets in the U.S., with about 5,400 employees. Vistra is one of the largest competitive residential electricity providers in the country, and its retail brands serve approximately 3.7 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers with electricity and gas. The company's generation fleet totals approximately 41,000 megawatts of highly efficient generation capacity, with a diverse portfolio of natural gas, nuclear, coal, solar, and battery storage facilities. The company is currently developing the largest battery energy storage system of its kind in the world – a 300-MW/1,200-MWh system in Moss Landing, California.