TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Scott A. Jordan  
Executive Vice President for Administration & Chief Financial Officer

RE: Utility Easement to Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the grant of a permanent easement by the University to the Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation for the construction and maintenance of a gas service pipe from its existing gas main along Alumni Drive to the University’s property line with Orchard Acres.

BACKGROUND:

This permanent easement is associated with the Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation’s (“CNG”) project to supply the existing Orchard Acres apartment complex with natural gas service.

The general location of the proposed easement area, along a portion of Alumni Drive across from Putnam Refectory, is shown on the attached Exhibit. The proposed approximately 30-foot by 35-foot easement area extends from the outside of the Alumni Drive curb line to the University’s property line abutting the property on which Orchard Acres is located.

The land between the curb and property line presently contains, among other utilities, CNG’s existing gas main, which, upon information and belief, has been in place since the 1970s. CNG proposes to construct a new gas service pipe to the Orchard Acres property from this existing main. CNG has yet to determine the precise location of the gas service pipe within the easement area due to topographic concerns, but CNG is in the design process.

CNG has proposed its standard form of easement agreement, which remains subject to negotiation.

UConn will seek no consideration for this easement given its limited scope and because the gas main has been in this location for many decades.