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## **CRRA: Governor's Panel 'Positive Step to Help Our Towns Recover From Enron Swindle'**

HARTFORD, March 1, 2002 Governor Rowland has taken a very positive step toward helping CRRA and our towns can recover from the disaster caused by Enron's swindle.

The pot is boiling over at the Capitol. Everyone is taking their turn at press conferences, and until today, it has been all heat and no light.

Given that Legislature seems to have skipped its review altogether, and rushed right to legislation, we're eager to sit down with Messrs. Cibes, Gray, and Orr. They are greatly respected by all who know them, and their credentials speak for themselves.

Hiking rates is the last thing we want to do. Lots can happen between now and July 1st, and we're not standing still.

Our efforts to recover are in overdrive and we will exhaust every option to bring the increase down. We are deep in discussions with our member towns, and will sit down with several of them and the Conference of Connecticut Municipalities next Tuesday, March 5th.

Our Board of Directors has eliminated staff positions, frozen all staff salaries authority-wide and has already adopted a plan to shave millions in Mid-Connecticut Project expenses.