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***Capitol Report: Morning Update* with Diane Smith Premieres May 2nd at 9 a.m. on CT-N**

Hartford, CT – On Monday, May 2, 2011, a new kind of program is coming to the Connecticut Network. *Capitol Report: Morning Update*, the latest in CT-N's successful *Capitol Report* franchise, will premiere at 9 a.m. on the 2nd and will air live from the Legislative Office Building every weekday. Hosted by CT-N's Diane Smith, *Morning Update* will preview the day ahead for the legislature and provide timely updates on the legislative and public policy process. Pilot season episodes will run 15 to 30 minutes each day.

“*Capitol Report: Morning Update* takes what Connecticut Network does best – making our state government open, accessible and more understandable – and delivers it in a way that’s even more timely, manageable and user-friendly,” according to Diane Smith, Senior Producer for Program Development and host of the new show. “It builds on the original *Capitol Report*’s foundation while adding discussion and deeper exploration of the day’s events into the mix.”

CT-N has had a successful track record with *Capitol Report: Week in Review* since the program’s launch in 2006, combining judicious synopsizing of the network’s long-format coverage with expanded graphics and voice-over explanations of the history, context and anticipated next steps surrounding the week’s developments in state government. *Morning Update* combines the core strategy behind *Capitol Report* with the live, anchored approach developed by the network during the last election cycle. This will include interviews and discussion facilitated by Smith with lawmakers, government leaders, journalists and other experts on public policy.

“We hear overwhelmingly that viewers love the current *Capitol Report*, loved our live Primary and Election Night telecasts, and certainly trust and admire Diane Smith,” said Paul Giguere, network President and CEO. “By combining all of those elements into a single program we aim to demystify government even further and give average citizens greater insight into its workings, right when the challenge of the state budget makes that public attention and involvement most critical.”

CT-N is available full-time on U-Verse channel 83 and on expanded basic cable statewide. Visit ct-n.com to find the channel location for the network in your community or to watch online. All Connecticut Network programming is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

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