



An Act Licensing Natural Gas Suppliers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-258a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Each [corporation, company, association, joint stock association,
4 partnership or] person [, or lessee thereof, which] that sells natural gas
5 to an end user in the state and is not (1) a gas company, as defined in
6 section 16-1, (2) a municipal gas utility established under chapter 101
7 or any other gas utility owned, leased, maintained, operated, managed,
8 or controlled by any unit of local government under any general
9 statute or any public or special act, or (3) a gas pipeline or gas
10 transmission company subject to the provisions of chapter 208, shall
11 register with the Department of Public Utility Control prior to making
12 any such sale by filing a form supplied by said department.

13 (b) Each person registered with the department shall: (1) Maintain a
14 bond or other security in amount and form approved by the
15 department, to ensure the person's financial responsibility and its
16 supply of natural gas to end-use customers in accordance with
17 contracts, agreements or arrangements; (2) have a contractual
18 relationship with an entity or entities to purchase natural gas supply;
19 (3) comply with the National Labor Relations Act and regulations, if
20 applicable; (4) comply with the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act

21 and applicable regulations; and (5) agree to cooperate with (A) each
22 gas company, (B) each municipal gas utility established under chapter
23 101 or any other gas utility owned, leased, maintained, operated,
24 managed or controlled by any unit of local government under any
25 general statute or special act, (C) each gas pipeline or gas transmission
26 company subject to the provisions of chapter 208, (D) the department,
27 and (E) all other gas suppliers in the event of an emergency condition
28 that may jeopardize the safety and reliability of the state's natural gas
29 system.

30 (c) Each person registered with the department shall, at such times
31 as the department requires but not less than annually, submit to the
32 department, on a form prescribed by the department, an update of
33 information the department deems relevant. A registered person shall
34 notify the department at least ten days before a change in corporate
35 structure that affects the person. Each registered person shall pay an
36 annual registration fee commensurate with administrative costs, to be
37 determined by the department.

38 (d) No registration may be transferred without the prior approval of
39 the department. The department may assess additional registration
40 fees to pay the administrative costs of reviewing a request for such
41 transfer.

42 (e) Any person who fails to comply with a registration condition or
43 who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to sanctions
44 by the department in accordance with section 16-41, as amended by
45 this act, which may include, but are not limited to, the suspension or
46 revocation of such registration or a prohibition on accepting new
47 customers.

48 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16-41 of the general statutes, as
49 amended by section 1 of public act 99-105, is repealed and the
50 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

51 (a) Each (1) public service company and its officers, agents and
52 employees, (2) electric supplier or person providing electric generation

53 services without a license in violation of section 16-245, and its officers,
54 agents and employees, (3) certified telecommunications provider or
55 person providing telecommunications services without authorization
56 pursuant to sections 16-247f to 16-247h, inclusive, and its officers,
57 agents and employees, (4) person, public agency or public utility, as
58 such terms are defined in section 16-345, subject to the requirements of
59 chapter 293, [and] (5) person subject to the registration requirements
60 under section 16-258a, as amended by this act, and (6) company, as
61 defined in section 16-49, shall obey, observe and comply with all
62 applicable provisions of this title and each applicable order made or
63 applicable regulations adopted by the Department of Public Utility
64 Control by virtue of this title so long as the same remains in force. Any
65 such company, electric supplier, certified telecommunications
66 provider, person, any officer, agent or employee thereof, public agency
67 or public utility which the department finds has failed to obey or
68 comply with any such provision of this title, order or regulation shall
69 be fined by order of the department in accordance with the penalty
70 prescribed for the violated provision of this title or, if no penalty is
71 prescribed, not more than ten thousand dollars for each offense except
72 that the penalty shall be a fine of not more than forty thousand dollars
73 for failure to comply with an order of the department made in
74 accordance with the provisions of section 16-19 or 16-247k or within
75 thirty days of such order or within any specific time period for
76 compliance specified in such order. Each distinct violation of any such
77 provision of this title, order or regulation shall be a separate offense
78 and, in case of a continued violation, each day thereof shall be deemed
79 a separate offense. Each such penalty and any interest charged
80 pursuant to subsection (g) or (h) of section 16-49 shall be excluded
81 from operating expenses for purposes of rate-making.

ET Committee Vote: Yea 15 Nay 0 JFS C/R JUD