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Senate Bill No. 1270

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. PETERS of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO UTILITY LAWS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-333f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) Each community antenna television company shall inform the
4 Department of Public Utility Control, each subscriber, [the
5 chairpersons of the joint standing committee having cognizance of
6 matters relating to public utilities] and the chairperson of the
7 company's advisory council of any planned programming or rate
8 changes not less than thirty days unless otherwise required by federal
9 law prior to implementing such changes unless (1) such changes are
10 required by law to be made in less than thirty days or (2) the
11 department prescribes a longer or shorter notice period in appropriate
12 circumstances where such longer or shorter notice period is in the best
13 interest of the company's subscribers. The company's advisory council
14 may hold an advisory public hearing concerning the planned changes

15 and may then make a recommendation to the company prior to the
16 planned implementation date. The department shall adopt regulations
17 in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this
18 subsection.

19 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 12-264 of the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

21 (a) Each (1) Connecticut municipality or department or agency
22 thereof, or Connecticut district, manufacturing, selling or distributing
23 gas or electricity to be used for light, heat or power, in this chapter and
24 in chapter 212a called a "municipal utility", (2) company the principal
25 business of which is manufacturing, selling or distributing gas or
26 steam to be used for light, heat or power, including each foreign
27 municipal electric utility, as defined in section 12-59, [and given
28 authority to engage in business in this state pursuant to the provisions
29 of section 16-246c,] and (3) company required to register pursuant to
30 section 16-258a shall pay a quarterly tax upon gross earnings from
31 such operations in this state. Gross earnings from such operations
32 under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall include (A) all
33 income classified as operating revenues by the Department of Public
34 Utility Control in the uniform systems of accounts prescribed by said
35 department for operations within the taxable quarter and, with respect
36 to each such company, (B) all income classified in said uniform
37 systems of accounts as income from merchandising, jobbing and
38 contract work, (C) income from nonutility operations, (D) revenues
39 from lease of physical property not devoted to utility operation, and
40 (E) receipts from the sale of residuals and other by-products obtained
41 in connection with the production of gas, electricity or steam. Gross
42 earnings from such operations under subdivision (3) of this subsection
43 shall be gross income from the sales of natural gas. Gross earnings of a
44 gas company, as defined in section 16-1, shall not include income
45 earned in a taxable year commencing prior to January 1, 2002, from the
46 sale of natural gas or propane as a fuel for a motor vehicle. No

47 deductions shall be allowed from such gross earnings for any
48 commission, rebate or other payment, except a refund resulting from
49 an error or overcharge and those specifically mentioned in section 12-
50 265. Gross earnings of a company as described in subdivision (2) of
51 this subsection shall not include income earned in any taxable quarter
52 commencing on or after July 1, 2000, from the sale of steam.

53 Sec. 3. Section 16-246a of the general statutes is repealed and the
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

55 When used in [sections] section 16-246a [to 16-246d, inclusive,] the
56 following terms shall have the meanings herein specified, unless the
57 context otherwise indicates:

58 (1) "Foreign electric company" means a corporation, company,
59 association, joint stock association or trust organized under the laws of
60 a state other than this state, as well as, a town, city, borough, or any
61 municipal corporation, department or agency thereof, whether
62 separately incorporated or not, of a state other than this state,
63 authorized under the laws of the state in which organized to generate
64 or transmit electric energy;

65 (2) "Domestic electric company" means an electric company
66 organized under the laws of this state;

67 (3) "Utility facility" means an item of plant used or useful in the
68 electric utility business, and shall include, but is not limited to, such
69 items of plant as generating stations, transmission lines, office
70 buildings and equipment and transportation equipment, and

71 (4) Except as otherwise provided in [sections] section 16-246a [to 16-
72 246d, inclusive,] terms which are defined in section 16-1 shall have the
73 respective meanings specified therein.

74 Sec. 4. Sections 16-246b to 16-246d, inclusive, of the general statutes
75 are repealed.

ET *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill eliminates a requirement that cable TV companies provide the chairmen of the Energy and Technology Committee with notices of planned programming and rate changes. By law, this notice must also go to each subscriber, the Department of Public Utility Control, and the company's advisory council.

The bill repeals obsolete statutes regulating out-of-state electric companies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 13 Nay 0