



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 916**

LCO No. 4736

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE BACK-UP SUPPLIES OF  
ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
CONSUMERS OF NATURAL GAS.**

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

1 Section 16-19hh of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) In order to encourage economic development and maintain the  
4 state's manufacturing base, the department shall: (1) Continue to  
5 implement flexible pricing when it determines that such pricing is  
6 appropriate; (2) require each water and gas company, as defined in  
7 section 16-1, which serves manufacturing customers and has not yet  
8 done so, to propose, in its first application for an amendment of rates  
9 filed pursuant to section 16-19 on or after October 1, 1993, flexible and  
10 innovative rates which promote manufacturing, which rates may  
11 include, but not be limited to, economic development, business  
12 retention, competitive energy, interruptible, conservation and time of  
13 use rates; and (3) require each water and gas company, as defined in  
14 said section 16-1, to support and promote the Connecticut  
15 manufacturing program for energy technology.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
17 an electric company or electric distribution company that (1)  
18 renegotiates, extends or renews any special contract for electric service  
19 that is in effect on July 1, 2000, and has a term that expires prior to July  
20 1, 2000, for a term that extends beyond June 30, 2000, or (2) enters into  
21 any new special contracts for electric service, shall provide in any such  
22 renegotiated, extended, renewed or new contract for the collection of  
23 the assessment required under section 16-245g as provided in said  
24 section 16-245g and for the collection of the charge required in section  
25 16-245l as provided in said section 16-245l provided no such contract  
26 shall shift costs to other ratepayers.

27 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
28 section, a customer that is an existing or proposed manufacturing plant  
29 that will add or create one hundred or more jobs and that will demand  
30 at least fifty kilowatts of additional load through the construction or  
31 expansion of manufacturing facilities may be exempted from a portion  
32 of the payment of the competitive transition assessment required  
33 under section 16-145g. A customer meeting these requirements may  
34 apply to the department for an exemption from the payment of the  
35 competitive transition assessment that relate to the new or incremental  
36 load created by such construction or expansion. The department shall  
37 hold a hearing on any such application, and if approved, direct the  
38 electric distribution company to refrain from collecting a specific  
39 portion of the competitive transition assessment from such customer.  
40 The department may adopt regulations pursuant to chapter 54 to  
41 implement the provisions of this section.

42 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
43 an industrial or commercial customer that, on or after October 1, 2001,  
44 enters into or renegotiates, extends or renews an existing contract for  
45 interruptible gas service shall certify to the Department of Public  
46 Utility Control that it has an adequate supply of alternative fuel  
47 available to it. Such certification shall be provided to the local gas  
48 distribution company and made available to the department upon

49 request.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure adequate back-up supplies of oil for commercial and industrial consumers of natural gas.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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