



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5203***

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:

(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GAS COMPANY SUPPLY AND DEMAND  
FORECAST REPORTS AND CONSERVATION PLANS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-32f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) On or before October first of each even-numbered year, a gas  
4 company, as defined in section 16-1, as amended, shall furnish a report  
5 to the Department of Public Utility Control containing a [ten-year]  
6 five-year forecast of loads and resources. The report shall describe the  
7 facilities and supply sources that, in the judgment of such gas  
8 company, will be required to meet gas demands during the forecast  
9 period. The report shall be made available to the public and shall be  
10 furnished to the chief executive officer of each municipality in the  
11 service area of such gas company, the regional planning agency which  
12 encompasses each such municipality, the Attorney General, the  
13 president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
15 having cognizance of matters relating to public utilities, any other

16 member of the General Assembly making a request to the department  
17 for the report and such other state and municipal entities as the  
18 department may designate by regulation. The report shall include: (1)  
19 A tabulation of estimated peak loads and resources for each year; (2)  
20 data on gas use and peak loads for the five preceding calendar years;  
21 (3) a list of present and projected gas supply sources; (4) specific  
22 measures to control load growth and promote conservation; and (5)  
23 such other information as the department may require by regulation. A  
24 full description of the methodology used to arrive at the forecast of  
25 loads and resources shall also be furnished to the department. The  
26 department shall hold a public hearing on such reports upon the  
27 request of any party. On or before August first of each odd-numbered  
28 year, the department may request a gas company to furnish to the  
29 department an updated report. A gas company shall furnish any such  
30 updated report not later than sixty days following the request of the  
31 department.

32 (b) A gas company, as defined in section 16-1, as amended, shall  
33 submit to the Department of Public Utility Control a gas conservation  
34 plan along with the company's [ten-year] five-year forecast, as defined  
35 in subsection (a) of this section. The plan shall include: (1) Specific  
36 quantifiable conservation and load management targets; (2)  
37 conservation option descriptions, analyses and the methodology used  
38 to evaluate conservation options reviewed by such company; and (3)  
39 an estimation of conservation option costs and benefits, sufficiently  
40 detailed to allow the department to evaluate revenue requirements  
41 and other social and environmental costs and benefits, or such other  
42 components as the department may by order direct. All supply and  
43 conservation and load management options shall be evaluated and  
44 selected within an integrated supply and demand planning  
45 framework. The department shall hold a public hearing on such plans  
46 in conjunction with the public hearing held pursuant to subsection (a)  
47 of this section. On or before August first of each odd-numbered year,  
48 the department may request a gas company to submit an updated plan  
49 to the department. A gas company shall furnish any such updated

50 plan not later than sixty days following the request of the department.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the gas company supply and demand forecast reports to contain a five-year forecast rather than a ten-year forecast and to require the Department of Public Utility Control to hold a public hearing on such reports only where a party requests a hearing.

*[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.]*