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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING REDUCTION OF STATE AND LOCAL ENERGY COSTS."

1 After section 1, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16-245l of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
4 *October 1, 2002*):

5 (a) The Department of Public Utility Control shall establish and each
6 electric distribution company shall collect a systems benefits charge to
7 be imposed against all end use customers of each electric distribution
8 company beginning January 1, 2000. The department shall hold a
9 hearing that shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with
10 chapter 54 to establish the amount of the systems benefits charge. The
11 department may revise the systems benefits charge or any element of
12 said charge as the need arises. The systems benefits charge shall be

13 used to fund (1) the expenses of the public education outreach
14 program developed under subsection (a) of section 16-244d other than
15 expenses for department staff, (2) the reasonable and proper expenses
16 of the education outreach consultant pursuant to subsection (d) of
17 section 16-244d, (3) the cost of hardship protection measures under
18 sections 16-262c and 16-262d and other hardship protections, including
19 but not limited to, electric service bill payment programs, funding and
20 technical support for energy assistance, fuel bank and weatherization
21 programs and weatherization services, (4) the payment program to
22 offset tax losses described in section 12-94d, as amended, (5) any sums
23 paid to a resource recovery authority pursuant to subsection (b) of
24 section 16-243e, (6) low income conservation programs approved by
25 the Department of Public Utility Control, (7) displaced worker
26 protection costs, (8) unfunded storage and disposal costs for spent
27 nuclear fuel generated before January 1, 2000, approved by the
28 appropriate regulatory agencies, (9) postretirement safe shutdown and
29 site protection costs that are incurred in preparation for
30 decommissioning, (10) decommissioning fund contributions, and (11)
31 legal, appraisal and purchase costs of a conservation or land use
32 restriction and other related costs as the department in its discretion
33 deems appropriate, incurred by a municipality on or before January 1,
34 2000, to ensure the environmental, recreational and scenic preservation
35 of any reservoir located within this state created by a pump storage
36 hydroelectric generating facility. As used in this subsection, "displaced
37 worker protection costs" means the reasonable costs incurred, prior to
38 January 1, 2006, by an electric company, an operator of a nuclear
39 power generating facility in this state or a generation entity or affiliate
40 arising from the dislocation of any employee other than an officer,
41 provided such dislocation is a result of restructuring of the electric
42 generation market and such dislocation occurs on or after July 1, 1998;
43 and provided further such costs result from either the execution of
44 agreements reached through collective bargaining for union
45 employees or from the company's or entity's or affiliate's programs
46 and policies for nonunion employees. "Displaced worker protection
47 costs" includes costs incurred or projected for severance, retraining,

48 early retirement, outplacement, coverage for surviving spouse
49 insurance benefits and related expenses. "Displaced worker protection
50 costs" does not include those costs included in determining a tax credit
51 pursuant to section 12-217bb."