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"AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT BILLING BY ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 16-244i of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2004*):

6 (c) Each electric distribution company shall continue to provide
7 metering, billing and collection services, except that, on and after the
8 effective date of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 16-245d,
9 as amended by this act, which allow an electric supplier to provide
10 direct billing and collection services for electric generation services and
11 related federally mandated congestion costs that such supplier
12 provides to its customers that use a demand meter or have a maximum
13 demand of not less than five hundred kilowatts and that choose to
14 receive a bill directly from their electric supplier, an electric

15 distribution company shall not provide such billing and collection
16 services for such customers. The department shall determine billing
17 and metering protocols and any appropriate cost-sharing allocations
18 among electric distribution companies and electric suppliers.
19 Notwithstanding an electric supplier's right, in accordance with the
20 general statutes, to terminate its contract with a customer for the
21 provision of generation service by reason of the customer's
22 nonpayment of the charges directly billed by the supplier to the
23 customer, an electric supplier shall not disconnect electric service to
24 the customer or otherwise terminate the physical delivery of electricity
25 to customers directly billed by the electric supplier.

26 Sec. 2. Section 16-245d of the general statutes, as amended by
27 section 22 of public act 03-135, is repealed and the following is
28 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

29 (a) The Department of Public Utility Control shall, by regulations
30 adopted pursuant to chapter 54, develop a standard billing format that
31 enables customers to compare pricing policies and charges among
32 electric suppliers. Not later than January 1, 2005, the department shall
33 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
34 provide that an electric supplier may provide direct billing and
35 collection services for electric generation services and related federally
36 mandated congestion costs that such supplier provides to its
37 customers that use a demand meter or have a maximum demand of
38 not less than five hundred kilowatts and that choose to receive a bill
39 directly from such supplier. [On and after January 1, 2000, each] An
40 electric company, [or] electric distribution company or electric supplier
41 that provides direct billing of the electric generation service
42 component and related federally mandated congestion costs, as the
43 case may be, shall, in accordance with the billing format developed by
44 the department, include [at a minimum] the following information in
45 each customer's bill, as appropriate: (1) The total amount owed by the
46 customer, which shall be itemized to show, (A) the electric generation
47 services component and any additional charges imposed by the electric
48 supplier, if applicable, (B) the electric transmission and distribution

49 charge, including all applicable taxes and the systems benefits charge,
 50 as provided in section 16-245l, as amended, (C) the competitive
 51 transition assessment, as provided in section 16-245g, as amended, (D)
 52 federally-mandated congestion costs, and (E) the conservation and
 53 renewable energy charge, consisting of the conservation and load
 54 management program charge, as provided in section 16-245m, as
 55 amended, and the renewable energy investment charge, as provided in
 56 section 16-245n, as amended; (2) any unpaid amounts from previous
 57 bills which shall be listed separately from current charges; (3) except
 58 for customers subject to a demand charge, the rate and usage for the
 59 current month and each of the previous twelve months in the form of a
 60 bar graph or other visual form; (4) the payment due date; (5) the
 61 interest rate applicable to any unpaid amount; (6) the toll-free
 62 telephone number of the electric distribution company to report power
 63 losses; (7) the toll-free telephone number of the Department of Public
 64 Utility Control for questions or complaints; (8) the toll-free telephone
 65 number and address of the electric supplier; and (9) a statement about
 66 the availability of information concerning electric suppliers pursuant
 67 to section 16-245p, as amended.

68 (b) The regulations shall provide guidelines for determining the
 69 billing relationship between the electric distribution company and
 70 electric suppliers, including but not limited to, the allocation of partial
 71 bill payments and late payments between the electric distribution
 72 company and the electric supplier. [The] An electric distribution
 73 company that provides billing services for an electric supplier shall be
 74 entitled to recover from the electric supplier all reasonable transaction
 75 costs to provide such billing services as well as a reasonable rate of
 76 return, in accordance with the principles in subsection (a) of section 16-
 77 19e."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>