



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 991

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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-245p of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) An electric supplier and an electric distribution company
4 providing standard service or back-up electric generation service,
5 pursuant to section 16-244c, shall submit information to the
6 Department of Public Utility Control that the department, after
7 consultation with the Consumer Education Advisory Council,
8 established under section 16-244d, determines will assist customers in
9 making informed decisions when choosing an electric supplier,
10 including, but not limited to, the information provided in subsection
11 (b) of this section. Each supplier or electric distribution company
12 providing standard service or back-up electric generation service,
13 pursuant to section 16-244c, shall, at such times as the department
14 requires, but not less than annually, submit [, on] in a form prescribed

15 by the department, [quarterly reports containing] information [on
16 rates] that the department must make available pursuant to subsection
17 (b) of this section and any other information the department [deems]
18 considers relevant. [, including, but not limited to, any change in the
19 information as required by the department.] After the department has
20 received the information required pursuant to this subsection, the
21 supplier shall be eligible to receive customer marketing information
22 from electric or electric distribution companies, as provided in section
23 16-245o.

24 (b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall maintain and
25 make available to customers upon request, a list of electric aggregators
26 and the following information about each electric supplier and each
27 electric distribution company providing standard service or back-up
28 electric generation service, pursuant to section 16-244c: (1) Rates and
29 charges; (2) applicable terms and conditions of a contract for electric
30 generation services; (3) the percentage of the total electric output
31 derived from each of the categories of energy sources provided in
32 subsection (e) of section 16-244d, the total emission rates of nitrogen
33 oxides, sulfur oxides, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulates,
34 heavy metals and other wastes the disposal of which is regulated
35 under state or federal law at the facilities operated by or under long-
36 term contract to the electric supplier or providing electric generation
37 services to an electric distribution company providing standard service
38 or back-up electric generation service, pursuant to section 16-244c, and
39 the analysis of the environmental characteristics of each such category
40 of energy source prepared pursuant to subsection (e) of said section 16-
41 244d and to the extent such information is unknown, the estimated
42 percentage of the total electric output for which such information is
43 unknown, along with the word "unknown" for that percentage; (4) a
44 record of customer complaints and the disposition of each complaint;
45 and (5) any other information the department determines will assist
46 customers in making informed decisions when choosing an electric
47 supplier. The department shall [update the information at least
48 quarterly] make available to customers the information filed pursuant

49 to subsection (a) of this section not later than thirty days of its receipt.
50 The department shall put such information in a standard format so
51 that a customer can readily understand and compare the services
52 provided by each electric supplier.

53 (c) Each electric supplier and electric distribution company shall
54 disclose to customers, in a manner prescribed by the department and
55 not less than annually, such information as the department considers
56 relevant. The department may adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter
57 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

58 Sec. 2. Section 16-262i of the general statutes is repealed and the
59 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

60 (a) The Department of Public Utility Control shall adopt regulations
61 necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 16-262c to 16-262h,
62 inclusive.

63 (b) The department may adopt regulations in accordance with the
64 provisions of chapter 54, setting forth the terms and conditions under
65 which electric, electric distribution, gas, telephone and water
66 companies, electric suppliers, certified telecommunications providers
67 and municipal utilities furnishing electric, gas or water service may be
68 prohibited from terminating service to a residential dwelling on
69 account of nonpayment of a delinquent account in the name of the
70 former spouse or spouse of the individual who occupies the dwelling,
71 if the marriage of such individuals has been dissolved or annulled or
72 such individuals are legally separated or have an action for dissolution
73 or annulment of a marriage or for legal separation pending, pursuant
74 to chapter 815j.

75 (c) The department may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
76 provisions of chapter 54, setting forth the terms and conditions under
77 which electric distribution, gas, telephone and water companies,
78 electric suppliers, certified telecommunications providers and
79 municipal utilities furnishing electric, gas, telecommunications or
80 water service may terminate service for reasons other than

81 nonpayment of a delinquent account.

82 Sec. 3. Section 16-331c of the general statutes is repealed and the
83 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

84 Each community antenna television company, as defined in section
85 16-1, shall annually contribute to the advisory council in its franchise
86 area an amount not less than two thousand dollars. An advisory
87 council may at its option receive any or all of its funding through in-
88 kind services of the community antenna television company. Each
89 advisory council shall annually, on January [first] thirty first, provide
90 the Department of Public Utility Control with an accounting of any
91 funding or services received.

92 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 16-256i of the general statutes is
93 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
94 *October 1, 2005*):

95 (f) A telecommunications company, or its affiliate or authorized
96 representative using telemarketing to initiate the sale of
97 telecommunications services, which the department determines, after
98 notice and opportunity for a hearing as provided in section 16-41, has
99 failed to comply with the provisions of this section or section 16-256j
100 shall pay to the state a civil penalty of not more than [five] ten
101 thousand dollars per violation.

102 Sec. 5. Sections 16-246 to 16-246f, inclusive, of the general statutes
103 are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2005*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	16-245p
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	16-262i
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	16-331c
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	16-256i(f)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	16-246 to 16-246f repealed

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, "within" was changed to "not later than" for drafting consistency.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*