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Substitute House Bill No. 5264

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. FONTANA of the 87th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO UTILITY PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 16-19b of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (d) The Department of Public Utility Control shall adjust the retail
5 rate charged by each electric distribution company for electric
6 transmission services periodically to recover all transmission costs
7 prudently incurred by each electric distribution company. The
8 Department of Public Utility Control, after notice and hearing, shall
9 design the retail transmission rate to provide for recovery of all Federal
10 Energy Regulatory Commission approved transmission costs, rates,
11 tariffs and charges and of other transmission costs prudently incurred
12 by an electric distribution company in accordance with section 16-19e.
13 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16-19, the department shall
14 adjust the retail transmission rate in accordance with the provisions of

15 subsections (e) and (h) of this section. A transmission rate adjustment
16 clause approved pursuant to this section shall apply to all electric
17 distribution companies similarly affected by transmission costs. The
18 department's authority to review the [prudency] prudence of costs
19 shall not apply to any matter over which any agency, department or
20 instrumentality of the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction, or
21 has jurisdiction concurrent with that of the state and has exercised
22 such jurisdiction to the exclusion of regulation of such matter by the
23 state.

24 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 16-32f of the 2006
25 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
26 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

27 (2) Programs included in the plan shall be screened through cost-
28 effectiveness testing that compares the value and payback period of
29 program benefits to program costs to ensure that the programs are
30 designed to obtain gas savings whose value is greater than the costs of
31 the program. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed annually by
32 the department, or otherwise as is practicable. If the department
33 determines that a program fails the cost-effectiveness test as part of the
34 review process, the program shall either be modified to meet the test
35 or [shall] be terminated. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually
36 thereafter, the board shall provide a report, in accordance with the
37 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
39 the environment, that documents expenditures and funding for such
40 programs and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs
41 conducted in the preceding year, including any increased cost-
42 effectiveness owing to offering programs that save more than one fuel
43 resource.

44 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 16-50k of the 2006 supplement to the
45 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
46 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

47 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of section 16-50z, no person

48 shall exercise any right of eminent domain in contemplation of,
 49 commence the preparation of the site for, or commence the
 50 construction or supplying of a facility, or commence any modification
 51 of a facility, that may, as determined by the council, have a substantial
 52 adverse environmental effect in the state without having first obtained
 53 a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need,
 54 hereinafter referred to as a "certificate", issued with respect to such
 55 facility or modification by the council, except fuel cells with a
 56 generating capacity of ten kilowatts or less which shall not require
 57 such certificate. Any facility with respect to which a certificate is
 58 required shall thereafter be built, maintained and operated in
 59 conformity with such certificate and any terms, limitations or
 60 conditions contained therein. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
 61 chapter or title 16a, the council shall, in the exercise of its jurisdiction
 62 over the siting of generating facilities, approve by declaratory ruling
 63 (1) the construction of a facility solely for the purpose of generating
 64 electricity, other than an electric generating facility that uses nuclear
 65 materials or coal as fuel, at a site where an electric generating facility
 66 operated prior to July 1, 2004, (2) the construction or location of any
 67 fuel cell, unless the council finds a substantial adverse environmental
 68 effect, or of any customer-side distributed resources project or facility
 69 or grid-side distributed resources project or facility with a capacity of
 70 not more than sixty-five megawatts, [so] as long as such project meets
 71 air quality standards of the Department of Environmental Protection,
 72 and (3) the siting of temporary generation solicited by the Department
 73 of Public Utility Control pursuant to section 16-19ss, as amended.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	16-19b(d)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2006	16-32f(c)(2)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2006	16-50k(a)

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Section 1	October 1, 2006	16-19b(d)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2006	16-32f(c)(2)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2006	16-50k(a)

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various technical changes to the utility laws and has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis
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AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO UTILITY PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

SUMMARY:

This bill makes technical changes to the utility laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/07/2006)