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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:

(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING SUSTAINABLE BIOMASS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (45) of subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

4 (45) "Sustainable biomass" means biomass that is cultivated and
5 harvested in a sustainable manner. "Sustainable biomass" does not
6 mean (A) organic refuse fuel derived separately from municipal solid
7 waste or biomass from old growth timber stands, or (B) construction
8 and demolition waste, as defined in section 22a-208x, or finished
9 biomass products from sawmills, paper mills or stud mills, [organic
10 refuse fuel derived separately from municipal solid waste, or biomass
11 from old growth timber stands,] except where [(A)] (i) (I) such biomass
12 is used in a biomass gasification plant that received funding prior to
13 May 1, 2006, from the Renewable Energy Investment Fund established
14 pursuant to section 16-245n, or [B] (II) the energy derived from such
15 biomass is subject to a long-term power purchase contract pursuant to
16 subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 16-244c entered into prior to
17 May 1, 2006, or (ii) (I) such biomass is used in a renewable energy

18 facility located within the jurisdiction or control area of the regional
 19 independent system operator, and (II) on and after January 1, 2008, the
 20 energy derived from such biomass is subject to a long-term power
 21 purchase contract [pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of
 22 section 16-244c entered into prior to May 1, 2006, or (C) prior to July 1,
 23 2007, such biomass is used in a renewable energy facility that was
 24 approved by the department prior to October 1, 2005] of not less than
 25 ten years with a Connecticut electric distribution company.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 16-245a of the general statutes is
 27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 28 *January 1, 2008*):

29 (b) An electric supplier or electric distribution company may satisfy
 30 the requirements of this section (1) by purchasing the energy from
 31 Class I renewable energy sources within the jurisdiction of the regional
 32 independent system operator or within the jurisdiction of New York,
 33 (2) by purchasing certificates issued by the New England Power Pool
 34 Generation Information System, provided the certificates are for (A)
 35 energy produced by a generating unit using Class I or Class II
 36 renewable energy sources and the generating unit is located in the
 37 jurisdiction of the regional independent system operator or (B) energy
 38 imported into the control area of the regional independent system
 39 operator pursuant to New England Power Pool Generation
 40 Information System Rule 2.7(c), as in effect on January 1, 2006; or [(2)]
 41 (3) for those renewable energy certificates under contract to serve end-
 42 use customers in the state on or before October 1, 2006, by
 43 participating in a renewable energy trading program within said
 44 jurisdictions as approved by the Department of Public Utility Control.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	16-1(a)(45)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2008</i>	16-245a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To modify the definition of sustainable biomass and the renewable energy portfolio standards.

[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.]