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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING ON-SITE FUEL STORAGE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-32f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) On or before October first of each even-numbered year, a gas
4 company, as defined in section 16-1, shall furnish a report to the
5 Department of Public Utility Control containing a five-year forecast of
6 loads and resources. The report shall describe the facilities and supply
7 sources that, in the judgment of such gas company, will be required to
8 meet gas demands during the forecast period. The report shall be
9 made available to the public and shall be furnished to the chief
10 executive officer of each municipality in the service area of such gas
11 company, the regional planning agency which encompasses each such
12 municipality, the Attorney General, the president pro tempore of the
13 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the joint standing
14 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to public utilities, any other member of the General Assembly
16 making a request to the department for the report and such other state

17 and municipal entities as the department may designate by regulation.
18 The report shall include: (1) A tabulation of estimated peak loads and
19 resources for each year; (2) data on gas use and peak loads for the five
20 preceding calendar years; (3) a list of present and projected gas supply
21 sources; (4) specific measures to control load growth and promote
22 conservation; and (5) such other information as the department may
23 require by regulation. A full description of the methodology used to
24 arrive at the forecast of loads and resources shall also be furnished to
25 the department. The department shall hold a public hearing on such
26 reports upon the request of any person. On or before August first of
27 each odd-numbered year, the department may request a gas company
28 to furnish to the department an updated report. A gas company shall
29 furnish any such updated report not later than sixty days following the
30 request of the department.

31 (b) Each report furnished, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,
32 shall include, but not be limited to, estimates of the consumption
33 patterns, potential volumes and costs of the alternative fuels used by
34 customers served on an interruptible or nonfirm supply basis. Gas
35 companies shall provide for planned, staged and coordinated
36 interruptions in service for each such customer for a period of not less
37 than six weeks between November first and March thirty-first each
38 year to (1) maintain the stability of their alternative supply, (2) reduce
39 disruptions to other energy markets, (3) provide adequate planning of
40 the delivery of the alternative service to interruptible or nonfirm
41 service basis customers, and (4) maintain twenty-four hours of on-site
42 storage of the alternative fuel.

43 [(b)] (c) Not later than October 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, a
44 gas company, as defined in section 16-1, shall submit to the
45 Department of Public Utility Control a gas conservation plan, in
46 accordance with the provisions of this section, to implement cost-
47 effective energy conservation programs and market transformation
48 initiatives. All supply and conservation and load management options
49 shall be evaluated and selected within an integrated supply and

50 demand planning framework. The department shall, in an uncontested
51 proceeding during which the department may hold a public hearing,
52 approve, modify or reject the plan.

53 [(c)] (d) (1) The Energy Conservation Management Board,
54 established pursuant to section 16-245m, shall advise and assist each
55 such gas company in the development and implementation of the plan
56 submitted under subsection [(b)] (c) of this section. Each program
57 contained in the plan shall be reviewed by each such gas company and
58 shall be either accepted, modified or rejected by the Energy
59 Conservation Management Board before submission of the plan to the
60 department for approval. The Energy Conservation Management
61 Board shall, as part of its review, examine opportunities to offer joint
62 programs providing similar efficiency measures that save more than
63 one fuel resource or to otherwise coordinate programs targeted at
64 saving more than one fuel resource. Any costs for joint programs shall
65 be allocated equitably among the conservation programs.

66 (2) Programs included in the plan shall be screened through cost-
67 effectiveness testing that compares the value and payback period of
68 program benefits to program costs to ensure that the programs are
69 designed to obtain gas savings whose value is greater than the costs of
70 the program. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed annually by
71 the department, or otherwise as is practicable. If the department
72 determines that a program fails the cost-effectiveness test as part of the
73 review process, the program shall either be modified to meet the test
74 or be terminated. On or before January 1, 2007, and annually
75 thereafter, the board shall provide a report, in accordance with the
76 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
77 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
78 the environment, that documents expenditures and funding for such
79 programs and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs
80 conducted in the preceding year, including any increased cost-
81 effectiveness owing to offering programs that save more than one fuel
82 resource.

83 (3) Programs included in the plan may include, but are not limited
 84 to: (A) Conservation and load management programs, including
 85 programs that benefit low-income individuals; (B) research,
 86 development and commercialization of products or processes that are
 87 more energy-efficient than those generally available; (C) development
 88 of markets for such products and processes; (D) support for energy use
 89 assessment, engineering studies and services related to new
 90 construction or major building renovations; (E) the design,
 91 manufacture, commercialization and purchase of energy-efficient
 92 appliances, air conditioning and heating devices; (F) program planning
 93 and evaluation; (G) joint fuel conservation initiatives and programs
 94 targeted at saving more than one fuel resource; and (H) public
 95 education regarding conservation. Such support may be by direct
 96 funding, manufacturers' rebates, sale price and loan subsidies, leases
 97 and promotional and educational activities. The plan shall also provide
 98 for expenditures by the Energy Conservation Management Board for
 99 the retention of expert consultants and reasonable administrative costs,
 100 provided such consultants shall not be employed by, or have any
 101 contractual relationship with, a gas company. Such costs shall not
 102 exceed five per cent of the total cost of the plan.

103 [(d)] (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the
 104 Department of Public Utility Control to establish a conservation charge
 105 to support the programs in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-32f

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure greater stability for energy markets and less disruption in commercial and industrial services.

[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.]