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House Bill 6304: AAC MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COSTS

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TESTIMONY OF CHAIRMAN DONALD W. DOWNES

The DPUC supports the passage of this proposal with one change. This proposal: 1) adds language to C.G.S. section 16-244c to include school districts and municipalities as part of the customer class which electric distribution companies are required to serve through standard service; and 2) precludes school districts and municipalities from being enrolled in time-of-use rates.

In the Department's view, the transfer of these entities to standard service will achieve the desired goal of more stable and lower prices than these entities are currently experiencing. However, with respect to the second section of this proposed bill, the Department would prefer more permissive language with respect to whether schools and municipalities can avail themselves of time-of-use rate. In the Department's opinion some of these entities might benefit from such rates and should be given the option of electing such rates.

Therefore, the Department recommends the language of the last sentence of Section two read as follows:

On and after the effective date of this section, such application shall not require school districts and municipalities to be enrolled in time-of-use rate.