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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-18a of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (d) For any proceeding before the Federal Energy
4 Regulatory Commission, the United States Department of Energy, the
5 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the United States
6 Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission,
7 the United States Department of Justice or the Federal
8 Communications Commission, the department may retain consultants
9 to assist its staff in such proceedings by providing expertise in areas in
10 which staff expertise does not currently exist or to supplement staff
11 expertise. All reasonable and proper expenses of such expert
12 consultants shall be borne by the public service companies, certified
13 telecommunications providers, electric suppliers or gas registrants
14 affected by the decisions of such proceeding and shall be paid at such
15 times and in such manner as the department directs, provided such
16 expenses (1) shall be apportioned in proportion to the revenues of each

17 affected entity as reported to the department pursuant to section 16-49
18 for the most recent period, and (2) not exceed two hundred fifty
19 thousand dollars per proceeding, including any appeals thereof, in any
20 calendar year unless the department finds good cause for exceeding
21 the limit. The department shall recognize all such expenses as proper
22 business expenses of the affected entities for ratemaking purposes
23 pursuant to section 16-19e, if applicable.

24 Sec. 2. Section 16-35 of the general statutes is amended by adding
25 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

26 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes,
27 including, but not limited to, peaking generation procurement, as
28 provided in section 16-243u, and proceedings in which the Department
29 of Public Utility Control conducts a request for proposals or any other
30 procurement process for the purpose of acquiring electricity products
31 or services for the benefit of ratepayers shall be uncontested.

32 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 16-262j of the general statutes is
33 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
34 *passage*):

35 (c) Each public service company, certified telecommunications
36 provider and electric supplier shall pay interest on any security
37 deposit it receives from a customer at the average rate paid, as of
38 December 30, 1992, on savings deposits by insured commercial banks
39 as published in the Federal Reserve Board bulletin and rounded to the
40 nearest one-tenth of one percentage point, except in no event shall the
41 rate be less than one and one-half per cent. On and after January 1,
42 1994, the rate for each calendar year shall be not less than the deposit
43 index as defined and determined by the Banking Commissioner in
44 subsection (d) of this section, for that year and rounded to the nearest
45 one-tenth of one percentage point, except in no event shall the rate be
46 less than one and one-half per cent.

47 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 16-8a of the general statutes is

48 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
49 *passage*):

50 (c) (1) Not more than [thirty] ninety business days after receipt of a
51 written complaint, in a form prescribed by the department, by an
52 employee alleging the employee's employer has retaliated against an
53 employee in violation of subsection (a) of this section, the department
54 shall make a preliminary finding in accordance with this subsection.

55 (2) Not more than five business days after receiving a written
56 complaint, in a form prescribed by the department, the department
57 shall notify the employer by certified mail. Such notification shall
58 include a description of the nature of the charges and the substance of
59 any relevant supporting evidence. The employer may submit a written
60 response and both the employer and the employee may present
61 rebuttal statements in the form of affidavits from witnesses and
62 supporting documents and may meet with the department informally
63 to respond verbally about the nature of the employee's charges. The
64 department shall consider in making its preliminary finding as
65 provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection any such written and
66 verbal responses, including affidavits and supporting documents,
67 received by the department not more than twenty business days after
68 the employer receives such notice. Any such response received after
69 twenty business days shall be considered by the department only upon
70 a showing of good cause and at the discretion of the department. The
71 department shall make its preliminary finding as provided in
72 subdivision (3) of this subsection based on information described in
73 this subdivision, without a public hearing.

74 (3) Unless the department finds by clear and convincing evidence
75 that the adverse employment action was taken for a reason
76 unconnected with the employee's report of substantial misfeasance,
77 malfeasance or nonfeasance, there shall be a rebuttable presumption
78 that an employee was retaliated against in violation of subsection (a) of
79 this section if the department finds that: (A) The employee had

80 reported substantial misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in the
81 management of the public service company, holding company or
82 licensee; (B) the employee was subsequently discharged, suspended,
83 demoted or otherwise penalized by having the employee's status of
84 employment changed by the employee's employer; and (C) the
85 subsequent discharge, suspension, demotion or other penalty followed
86 the employee's report closely in time.

87 (4) If such findings are made, the department shall issue an order
88 requiring the employer to immediately return the employee to the
89 employee's previous position of employment or an equivalent position
90 pending the completion of the department's full investigatory
91 proceeding pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

92 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of the
93 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
94 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

95 (b) (1) From November first to May first, inclusive, no electric or
96 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, no electric
97 supplier and no municipal utility furnishing electricity shall terminate,
98 deny or refuse to reinstate residential electric service in hardship cases
99 where the customer lacks the financial resources to pay his or her
100 entire account. From November first to May first, inclusive, no gas
101 company and no municipal utility furnishing gas shall terminate or
102 refuse to reinstate residential gas service in hardship cases where the
103 customer uses such gas for heat and lacks the financial resources to
104 pay his or her entire account, except a gas company that, between May
105 second and October thirty-first, terminated gas service to a residential
106 customer who uses gas for heat and who, during the previous period
107 of November first to May first, had gas service maintained because of
108 hardship status, may refuse to reinstate the gas service from November
109 first to May first, inclusive, only if the customer has failed to pay, since
110 the preceding November first, the lesser of: (A) Twenty per cent of the
111 outstanding principal balance owed the gas company as of the date of

112 termination, (B) one hundred dollars, or (C) the minimum payments
113 due under the customer's amortization agreement. Notwithstanding
114 any other provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no electric,
115 electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and no
116 municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate or refuse
117 to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the customer lacks
118 the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and for which
119 customer or a member of the customer's household the termination or
120 failure to reinstate such service would create a life-threatening
121 situation.

122 Sec. 6. Section 16-247p of the general statutes is repealed and the
123 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

124 (a) Not later than April 1, 2000, the Department of Public Utility
125 Control shall, by regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54, establish
126 quality-of-service standards that shall apply to all telephone
127 companies and certified telecommunications providers and to all
128 telecommunications services. Such standards shall include, but not be
129 limited to, measures relating to customer trouble reports, service
130 outages, installation appointments and repeat problems as well as
131 timeliness in responding to complaints or reports. The department
132 shall include with the quality of service standards methodologies for
133 monitoring compliance with and enforcement of such standards. Such
134 monitoring shall include input from employees of telephone
135 companies and certified telecommunications providers, including
136 members of collective bargaining units.

137 (b) [Not later than April 1, 2000, the] The department shall, [by
138 regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54] through administrative
139 proceedings, establish comprehensive performance standards and
140 performance based reporting requirements for functions provided by a
141 telephone company to a certified telecommunications provider,
142 including, but not limited to, telephone company performance relating
143 to customer ordering, preordering, provisioning, billing, maintenance

144 and repair. Such service standards shall be sufficiently comprehensive
145 to ensure that a telephone company meets its obligations under 47
146 USC 251. Such [regulations] standards may also contain provisions the
147 department deems necessary to prevent anticompetitive actions by any
148 telephone company or certified telecommunications provider.

149 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the department
150 shall not establish performance standards and performance-based
151 reporting requirements pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for
152 any telephone company that offers performance standards and
153 measures to competitive local exchange carriers who obtain services
154 pursuant to 47 USC 251.

155 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 16-19 of the general statutes is
156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
157 *passage*):

158 (a) No public service company may charge rates in excess of those
159 previously approved by the authority or the Department of Public
160 Utility Control except that any rate approved by the Public Utilities
161 Commission or the authority shall be permitted until amended by the
162 authority or the department, that rates not approved by the authority
163 or the department may be charged pursuant to subsection (b) of this
164 section, and that the hearing requirements with respect to adjustment
165 clauses are as set forth in section 16-19b. Each public service company
166 shall file any proposed amendment of its existing rates with the
167 department in such form and in accordance with such reasonable
168 regulations as the department may prescribe. Each electric, electric
169 distribution, gas or telephone company filing a proposed amendment
170 shall also file with the department an estimate of the effects of the
171 amendment, for various levels of consumption, on the household
172 budgets of high and moderate income customers and customers
173 having household incomes not more than one hundred fifty per cent of
174 the federal poverty level. Each electric and electric distribution
175 company shall also file such an estimate for space heating customers.

176 Each water company, except a water company that provides water to
177 its customers less than six consecutive months in a calendar year, filing
178 a proposed amendment, shall also file with the department a plan for
179 promoting water conservation by customers in such form and in
180 accordance with a memorandum of understanding entered into by the
181 department pursuant to section 4-67e. Each public service company
182 shall notify each customer who would be affected by the proposed
183 amendment, by mail, at least one week prior to the public hearing
184 thereon but no earlier than four weeks prior to the start of the public
185 hearing, that an amendment has been or will be requested. Such notice
186 shall also indicate (1) the [Department of Public Utility Control] date or
187 dates, time or times and location or locations of the scheduled public
188 hearing, (2) that customers may provide comments regarding the
189 proposed rate request by writing to the Department of Public Utility
190 Control or by appearing in person at one of the scheduled public
191 hearings, (3) the department's telephone number for obtaining
192 information concerning the schedule for public hearings on the
193 proposed amendment, and [(2)] (4) whether the proposed amendment
194 would, in the company's best estimate, increase any rate or charge by
195 twenty per cent or more, and, if so, describe in general terms any such
196 rate or charge and the amount of the proposed increase, provided no
197 such company shall be required to provide more than one form of the
198 notice to each class of its customers. In the case of a proposed
199 amendment to the rates of any public service company, the
200 department shall hold a public hearing thereon, except as permitted
201 with respect to interim rate amendments by subsection (d) and
202 subsection (g) of this section, and shall make such investigation of such
203 proposed amendment of rates as is necessary to determine whether
204 such rates conform to the principles and guidelines set forth in section
205 16-19e, or are unreasonably discriminatory or more or less than just,
206 reasonable and adequate, or that the service furnished by such
207 company is inadequate to or in excess of public necessity and
208 convenience. The department, if in its opinion such action appears
209 necessary or suitable in the public interest may, and, upon written

210 petition or complaint of the state, under direction of the Governor,
211 shall, make the aforesaid investigation of any such proposed
212 amendment which does not involve an alteration in rates. If the
213 department finds any proposed amendment of rates to not conform to
214 the principles and guidelines set forth in section 16-19e, or to be
215 unreasonably discriminatory or more or less than just, reasonable and
216 adequate to enable such company to provide properly for the public
217 convenience, necessity and welfare, or the service to be inadequate or
218 excessive, it shall determine and prescribe, as appropriate, an adequate
219 service to be furnished or just and reasonable maximum rates and
220 charges to be made by such company. In the case of a proposed
221 amendment filed by an electric, electric distribution, gas or telephone
222 company, the department shall also adjust the estimate filed under this
223 subsection of the effects of the amendment on the household budgets
224 of the company's customers, in accordance with the rates and charges
225 approved by the department. The department shall issue a final
226 decision on each rate filing within one hundred fifty days from the
227 proposed effective date thereof, provided it may, before the end of
228 such period and upon notifying all parties and intervenors to the
229 proceedings, extend the period by thirty days.

230 Sec. 8. Subdivision (30) of subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the
231 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
232 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

233 (30) "Electric supplier" means any person [, including an electric
234 aggregator] or participating municipal electric utility that is licensed
235 by the Department of Public Utility Control in accordance with section
236 16-245, [that] as amended by this act, and provides electric generation
237 services to end use customers in the state using the transmission or
238 distribution facilities of an electric distribution company, regardless of
239 whether or not such person takes title to such generation services, but
240 does not include: (A) A municipal electric utility established under
241 chapter 101, other than a participating municipal electric utility; (B) a
242 municipal electric energy cooperative established under chapter 101a;

243 (C) an electric cooperative established under chapter 597; (D) any other
244 electric utility owned, leased, maintained, operated, managed or
245 controlled by any unit of local government under any general statute
246 or special act; or (E) an electric distribution company in its provision of
247 electric generation services in accordance with subsection (a) or, prior
248 to January 1, 2004, subsection (c) of section 16-244c.

249 Sec. 9. Subdivision (31) of subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the
250 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
251 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

252 (31) "Electric aggregator" means [(A) a person, municipality or
253 regional water authority that] any person, municipality, regional water
254 authority or the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority, if such
255 entity gathers together electric customers for the purpose of
256 negotiating the purchase of electric generation services from an electric
257 supplier, [or (B) the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, if it
258 gathers together electric customers for the purpose of negotiating the
259 purchase of electric generation services from an electric supplier,]
260 provided such [person, municipality or authority] entity is not
261 engaged in the purchase or resale of electric generation services, and
262 provided further such customers contract for electric generation
263 services directly with an electric supplier, and may include an electric
264 cooperative established pursuant to chapter 597.

265 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the general statutes is
266 amended by adding subdivision (51) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

267 (NEW) (51) "Electric broker" means any person, municipality,
268 regional water authority or the Connecticut Resources Recovery
269 Authority, if such entity arranges or acts as an agent, negotiator or
270 intermediary in the sale or purchase of electric generation services
271 between any end-use customer in the state and any electric supplier,
272 but does not take title to any of the generation services sold, provided
273 (A) such entity is not engaged in the purchase and resale of electric
274 generation services, and (B) such customer contracts for electric

275 generation services directly with an electric supplier, and may include
276 an electric cooperative established pursuant to chapter 597.

277 Sec. 11. Subsection (l) of section 16-245 of the general statutes is
278 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
279 *passage*):

280 (l) (1) An electric aggregator or electric broker shall not be subject to
281 the provisions of subsections (a) to (k), inclusive, of this section.

282 (2) No electric aggregator or electric broker shall arrange or
283 negotiate a contract for the purchase of electric generation services
284 from an electric supplier unless such aggregator or electric broker has
285 [(A)] obtained a certificate of registration from the Department of
286 Public Utility Control in accordance with this subsection. [, or (B) in the
287 case of a municipality, regional water authority and the Connecticut
288 Resources Recovery Authority, registered in accordance with section
289 16-245b.] An electric aggregator that was licensed pursuant to this
290 section prior to July 1, 2003, shall receive a certificate of registration on
291 July 1, 2003. An entity that has been issued an electric supplier license
292 by the Department of Public Utility Control pursuant to subsections (a)
293 to (k), inclusive, of this section may act as an electric aggregator or
294 electric broker without having to obtain a certificate of registration in
295 accordance with this subsection.

296 (3) An application for a certificate of registration shall be filed with
297 the department, accompanied by a fee as determined by the
298 department. The application shall contain such information as the
299 department may deem relevant, including, but not limited to, the
300 following: (A) The address of the applicant's headquarters and the
301 articles of incorporation, if applicable, as filed with the state in which
302 the applicant is incorporated; (B) the address of the applicant's
303 principal office in the state, if any, or the address of the applicant's
304 agent for service in the state; (C) the toll-free or in-state telephone
305 number of the applicant; (D) information about the applicant's
306 corporate structure, if applicable, including [financial names and

307 financial statements, as relevant, concerning] names and background
308 information of corporate affiliates; (E) disclosure of whether the
309 applicant or any of the applicant's corporate affiliates or officers, if
310 applicable, have been or are currently under investigation for violation
311 of any consumer protection law or regulation to which it is subject,
312 either in this state or in another state. Each registered electric
313 aggregator or electric broker shall update the information contained in
314 this subdivision as necessary.

315 (4) Not more than thirty days after receiving an application for a
316 certificate of registration, the department shall notify the applicant
317 whether the application is complete or whether the applicant must
318 submit additional information. The department shall grant or deny the
319 application for a certificate of registration not more than ninety days
320 after receiving all information required of an applicant. The
321 department shall hold a public hearing on an application upon the
322 request of any interested party.

323 (5) As a condition for maintaining a certificate of registration, the
324 registered electric aggregator or electric broker shall ensure that, where
325 applicable, it complies with the National Labor Relations Act and
326 regulations, if applicable, and it complies with the Connecticut Unfair
327 Trade Practices Act and applicable regulations.

328 (6) Any registered electric aggregator or electric broker that fails to
329 comply with a registration condition or violates any provision of this
330 section shall be subject to civil penalties by the Department of Public
331 Utility Control in accordance with the procedures contained in section
332 16-41, or the suspension or revocation of such registration, or a
333 prohibition on accepting new customers following a hearing that is
334 conducted as a contested case in accordance with the provisions of
335 chapter 54.

336 Sec. 12. Section 16-245b of the general statutes is repealed and the
337 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

338 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 16-245,
339 the provisions of said section shall not apply to (1) any municipality or
340 regional water authority that aggregates or brokers the sale of electric
341 generation services, or to the Connecticut Resources Recovery
342 Authority if such authority aggregates or brokers the sale of electric
343 generation services, for end use customers located within the
344 boundaries of such municipality or regional water authority, (2) any
345 municipality that joins together with other municipalities to aggregate
346 or broker the sale of electric generation services for end use customers
347 located within the boundaries of such municipalities, or (3) any
348 municipality or regional water authority that aggregates or brokers the
349 purchase of electric generation services for municipal facilities, street
350 lighting, boards of education and other publicly-owned facilities
351 within (A) the municipality for which the municipality is financially
352 responsible, or (B) the municipalities that are within the authorized
353 service area of the regional water authority. Any municipality or
354 regional water authority that aggregates or brokers in accordance with
355 this section shall register not less than annually with the Department
356 of Public Utility Control on a form prescribed by the department.

357 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 16-245p of the general statutes is
358 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
359 *passage*):

360 (b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall maintain and
361 make available to customers upon request, a list of electric aggregators
362 and electric brokers and the following information about each electric
363 supplier and each electric distribution company providing standard
364 service or back-up electric generation service, pursuant to section 16-
365 244c: (1) Rates and charges; (2) applicable terms and conditions of a
366 contract for electric generation services; (3) the percentage of the total
367 electric output derived from each of the categories of energy sources
368 provided in subsection (e) of section 16-244d, the total emission rates
369 of nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide,
370 particulates, heavy metals and other wastes the disposal of which is

371 regulated under state or federal law at the facilities operated by or
372 under long-term contract to the electric supplier or providing electric
373 generation services to an electric distribution company providing
374 standard service or back-up electric generation service, pursuant to
375 section 16-244c, and the analysis of the environmental characteristics of
376 each such category of energy source prepared pursuant to subsection
377 (e) of [said] section 16-244d and to the extent such information is
378 unknown, the estimated percentage of the total electric output for
379 which such information is unknown, along with the word "unknown"
380 for that percentage; (4) a record of customer complaints and the
381 disposition of each complaint; and (5) any other information the
382 department determines will assist customers in making informed
383 decisions when choosing an electric supplier. The department shall
384 make available to customers the information filed pursuant to
385 subsection (a) of this section not later than thirty days after its receipt.
386 The department shall put such information in a standard format so
387 that a customer can readily understand and compare the services
388 provided by each electric supplier.

389 Sec. 14. Subdivision (19) of subsection (a) of section 22a-266 of the
390 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
391 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

392 (19) Act as an electric supplier, [or] an electric aggregator or an
393 electric broker pursuant to public act 98-28* provided any net revenue
394 to the authority from activities, contracts, products or processes
395 undertaken pursuant to this subdivision, after payment of principal
396 and interest on bonds and repayment of any loans or notes of the
397 authority, shall be distributed so as to reduce the costs of other
398 authority services to the users thereof on a pro rata basis proportionate
399 to costs paid by such users. In acting as an electric supplier, [or an]
400 electric aggregator or electric broker pursuant to any license granted
401 by the Department of Public Utility Control, the authority may enter
402 into contracts for the purchase and sale of electricity and electric
403 generation services, provided such contracts are solely for the

404 purposes of ensuring the provision of safe and reliable electric service
405 and protecting the position of the authority with respect to capacity
406 and price.

407 Sec. 15. Subsection (c) of section 7-148ee of the general statutes is
408 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
409 *passage*):

410 (c) No corporation established pursuant to subsection (a) of this
411 section shall engage in the manufacture, distribution, purchase or sale,
412 or any combination thereof, of electricity, gas or water outside the
413 service area of such municipal electric or gas utility or within its
414 service area if it encroaches upon the service area or franchise area of
415 another water or gas utility. Nothing in this section shall be construed
416 to permit any municipal electric utility to engage in the sale, [or]
417 aggregation or brokering of electric generation services other than
418 pursuant to section 16-245, as amended by this act.

419 Sec. 16. Subsection (b) of section 33-219 of the general statutes is
420 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
421 *passage*):

422 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
423 cooperative, nonprofit, membership corporations may be organized
424 under this chapter for the purpose of generating electric energy by
425 means of cogeneration technology, renewable energy resources or both
426 and supplying it to any member or supplying it to, purchasing it from
427 or exchanging it with a public service company, electric supplier, [as
428 defined in section 16-1,] municipal aggregator, [as defined in said
429 section] electric broker, municipal utility or municipal electric energy
430 cooperative, all as defined in section 16-1, as amended by this act, in
431 accordance with an agreement with the company, electric supplier,
432 electric aggregator, electric broker, municipal utility or cooperative. No
433 membership corporation under this subsection may exercise those
434 powers contained in subsection (i) or (j) of section 33-221 unless the
435 prior approval of the Department of Public Utility Control is obtained,

436 after opportunity for hearing in accordance with title 16 and chapter
437 54. Any cooperative organized on or after July 1, 1998, pursuant to this
438 subsection shall collect from its members the competitive transition
439 assessment levied pursuant to section 16-245g and the systems benefits
440 charge levied pursuant to section 16-245l in such manner and at such
441 rate as the Department of Public Utility Control prescribes, provided
442 the department shall order the collection of said assessment and said
443 charge in a manner and rate equal to that to which the members of the
444 cooperative would have been subject had the cooperative not been
445 organized.

446 Sec. 17. Subsection (f) of section 16-2 of the general statutes is
447 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
448 *passage*):

449 (f) (1) The chairperson of the authority, with the consent of two or
450 more other members of the authority, shall appoint an executive
451 director, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the
452 Department of Public Utility Control. The executive director shall be
453 supervised by the chairperson of the authority, serve for a term of four
454 years and annually receive a salary equal to that established for
455 management pay plan salary group seventy-two by the Commissioner
456 of Administrative Services. The executive director (1) shall conduct
457 comprehensive planning with respect to the functions of the
458 department; (2) shall coordinate the activities of the department; (3)
459 shall cause the administrative organization of the department to be
460 examined with a view to promoting economy and efficiency; (4) shall,
461 in concurrence with the chairperson of the authority, organize the
462 department into such divisions, bureaus or other units as he deems
463 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department
464 and may from time to time abolish, transfer or consolidate within the
465 department, any division, bureau or other units as may be necessary
466 for the efficient conduct of the business of the department, provided
467 such organization shall include any division, bureau or other unit
468 which is specifically required by the general statutes; (5) shall, for any

469 proceeding on a proposed rate amendment in which staff of the
 470 department are to be made a party pursuant to section 16-19j,
 471 determine which staff shall appear and participate in the proceedings
 472 and which shall serve the members of the authority; (6) may enter into
 473 such contractual agreements, in accordance with established
 474 procedures, as may be necessary for the discharge of his duties; and (7)
 475 may, subject to the provisions of section 4-32, and unless otherwise
 476 provided by law, receive any money, revenue or services from the
 477 federal government, corporations, associations or individuals,
 478 including payments from the sale of printed matter or any other
 479 material or services. The executive director shall require the staff of the
 480 department to have expertise in public utility engineering and
 481 accounting, finance, economics, computers and rate design. Subject to
 482 the provisions of chapter 67 and within available funds in any fiscal
 483 year, the executive director may appoint a secretary, and may employ
 484 such accountants, clerical assistants, engineers, inspectors, experts,
 485 consultants and agents as the department may require.

486 (2) The chairperson may appoint a designee to serve on behalf of the
 487 department as a member of a board or council created to facilitate state
 488 or regional initiatives with respect to matters affecting the public
 489 interest in connection with utility regulation and services, including,
 490 but not limited to, issues on climate change, the reduction of
 491 greenhouse gas emissions, regional planning and low-income energy
 492 assistance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-18a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	16-35
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	16-262j(c)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	16-8a(c)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	16-262c(b)(1)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	16-247p
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	16-19(a)

Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	16-1(a)(30)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	16-1(a)(31)
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	16-1(a)
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	16-245(l)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	16-245b
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	16-245p(b)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	22a-266(a)(19)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	7-148ee(c)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	33-219(b)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	16-2(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To modify the Department of Public Utility Control's regulation of utilities and other entities.

[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.]