



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

## THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### Senate Bill 602: AAC THE USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AS REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR OPENING AN ACCOUNT WITH A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

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#### TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

This proposal the Department understands is to protect customer information and the use of social security numbers to fraudulently open an account. However, the language of C.G.S. §16-49e provides utility companies with enough latitude to accept a variety of other identification, in fact the statute states:

... any other valid forms of identification issued by the federal government or a state or municipal government, or any other means of identification approved by the Department of Public Utility Control

Therefore, the effect of the passage of this proposal's intended prohibition of the use of social security numbers is that neither utilities nor customers would be foreclosed from using social security numbers as proper identification.