



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL**

**THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**Senate Bill 419: AAC REQUIRING DOCUMENTATION OF UTILITY ROAD  
CUTS**

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**TESTIMONY OF CHAIRMAN KEVIN M. DELGOBBO**

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) conditionally supports Senate Bill No. 419 and has the following requests for clarification. If this bill is not meant to repeal the current law, the Department can support the proposal. However, if this bill replaces the existing application and permitting procedures for utility work, the Department would request further consideration of its applicability.

In effect, this bill would require a public service company that works on a public highway for repairs or installations, to document its work by notice to the public works departments of a municipality in which the work is conducted. The Department notes that procedures public service companies must follow already exists in statute, specifically, Con. Gen. Stat. § 16-229 states in pertinent part:

Any public service company incorporated under the provisions of the statutes or by special act for the purpose of transmitting or distributing gas, water or electricity or for telephone purposes, desiring to open or make any excavation in a portion of any public highway for the carrying out of any purpose for which it may be organized other than the placing or replacing of a pole or of a curb box, shall, if required by the authority having jurisdiction over the maintenance of such highway, make application to such authority, which may, in writing, grant a permit for such opening or excavation upon such terms and conditions as to the manner in which such work shall be carried on as may be reasonable.

Therefore, the Department is concerned as to how this new bill is intended to correlate if at all, with the current provision in law.

The Department thanks the Committee for this opportunity to comment and would be happy to work with policy makers on this issue.

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