



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5847

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. NARDELLO of the 89th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TIME FRAMES FOR INTERCONNECTION PROJECTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 16-243a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (d) When any person, firm or corporation proposes to enter into a
5 contract to sell energy and capacity as a private power producer, an
6 electric public service company, municipal electric energy cooperative
7 or municipal electric utility shall respond promptly to all requests and
8 offers and negotiate in good faith to arrive at a contract which fairly
9 reflects the provisions of this section and the anticipated avoided costs
10 over the life of the contract. If any such company, cooperative or utility
11 does not enter into such a contract within ninety days after receipt of a
12 written contract proposal from such a person, firm or corporation, the
13 company, cooperative or utility shall notify such person, firm or
14 corporation, in writing, of the reasons why the contract proposal was

15 rejected. Upon application by a private power producer, the
16 department may approve a contract which provides for payment of
17 less than the anticipated avoided costs if, considering all of the
18 provisions, the contract is at least as favorable to the private power
19 producer as a contract providing for the full avoided costs. The
20 contract may extend for a period of not more than thirty years at the
21 option of the private power producer if it has a generating facility with
22 a capacity of at least one hundred kilowatts.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	16-243a(d)

ET *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which sets a time limit for how long parties (electric utility companies and non-utility generators) for interconnection projects have to agree to a sales contract, does not result in any anticipated fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5847*****AN ACT CONCERNING TIME FRAMES FOR INTERCONNECTION PROJECTS.*****SUMMARY:**

Under current law, electric utility companies, including municipal electric utilities, must interconnect with and buy electricity from any non-utility generators that wish to sell power generated solely with cogeneration technology or renewable energy resources. The utility and the generator must negotiate a contract for such a sale in good faith, although the Department of Public Utility Control determines the rates and conditions of service.

Under this bill, if the utility and non-utility generator cannot agree to a sales contract within 90 days after the utility receives the generator's written contract proposal, the utility must give the generator a written explanation of why it rejected the proposal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

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