



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 944

January Session, 2013



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR MUNICIPAL AGGREGATION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 municipal electric aggregation pilot program for the purpose of
3 negotiating the purchase of electric generation services from an electric
4 supplier for all residential electric customers within the legal
5 boundaries of a municipality. A municipality with a population of
6 more than one hundred forty thousand that, on or before January 1,
7 2013, established an energy improvement district, as described in
8 sections 32-80a to 32-80c, inclusive, of the general statutes,
9 encompassing the entire municipality, may participate in said program
10 by adopting an ordinance to form a municipal aggregation unit and,
11 on or before January 1, 2014, filing such ordinance with the Public
12 Utilities Regulatory Authority. Such ordinance shall specify the
13 organizational structure of such unit.

14 (b) A municipal aggregation unit may enroll residential electric
15 customers in the municipal aggregation pilot program not earlier than
16 July 1, 2014, and for a period of not more than two years. Said program
17 shall allow residential electric customers who have not contracted with
18 an electric supplier to opt out of the electric service offered by the
19 municipal aggregation unit. Residential electric customers who have

20 contracted with an electric supplier may opt in to the pilot program,
21 provided nothing in this section shall affect or impair any existing
22 contractual obligations with such supplier.

23 (c) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Public Utilities Regulatory
24 Authority shall initiate a proceeding to develop pilot program
25 requirements which shall include, but not be limited to, the manner by
26 which residential electric customers are provided (1) notice of
27 enrollment in the pilot program, (2) information regarding rates and
28 environmental characteristics of each category of energy source, (3)
29 information regarding contract terms and conditions, and (4) notice
30 regarding a customer's right to cancel service. A municipal aggregation
31 unit shall provide residential electric customers not less than sixty
32 days' notice prior to enrollment in the pilot program.

33 (d) A municipal aggregation unit shall issue a request for proposals
34 to licensed electric suppliers for the provision of electric generation
35 service and select a bidder after providing a written analysis that the
36 economic benefits will be equal to or exceed the current or projected
37 economic benefits of receiving electric generation services through
38 standard service. The municipal aggregation unit shall retain the
39 services of a firm having expertise in electric aggregation and energy
40 procurement to provide assistance with its participation in the pilot
41 program, including, but not limited to, the development of its request
42 for proposals. The municipal aggregation unit shall not be subject to
43 the provisions of section 16-245s of the general statutes.

44 (e) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Public Utilities Regulatory
45 Authority, in consultation with the Office of Consumer Counsel, shall
46 submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a
47 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
48 cognizance of matters relating to energy concerning (1) the
49 performance of the municipal electric aggregation pilot program, and
50 (2) findings and recommendations as to whether (A) the time period
51 for the pilot program should be extended, and (B) the pilot program
52 should be expanded state-wide.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*