



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 566**

LCO No. 4912



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A PERMISSIBLE TIME PERIOD OF VALIDITY  
FOR CERTIFICATES OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND  
PUBLIC NEED FOR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) A certificate of  
2 environmental compatibility and public need issued by the  
3 Connecticut Siting Council on or after October 1, 2015, to construct a  
4 facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of  
5 the general statutes, shall expire not more than three years after the  
6 date such certificate was issued, unless the Connecticut Siting Council  
7 establishes an earlier expiration date.
- 8 (b) The council may grant one or more extensions of time to a  
9 certificate holder to complete all of the work in connection with such  
10 certificate, provided the duration from the date the certificate is issued  
11 and the facility begins generating electricity does not exceed ten years.
- 12 (c) If the certificate holder or the certificate holder's successor in  
13 interest seeks judicial review of a council decision pursuant to section  
14 16-50q of the general statutes, the expiration date of the certificate shall

15 be tolled for the time of such litigation and such other action of the  
16 council in accordance with any judicial decision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a reasonable and foreseeable time frame for the permissible construction of electric generating facilities.

*[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.]*

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