



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 928

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY
PILOT PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Shared clean energy facility" means a Class I renewable energy
4 source, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, that (A) is
5 served by an electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1
6 of the general statutes, (B) is within the same electric distribution
7 company service territory as the individual billing meters for
8 subscriptions, (C) has a nameplate capacity rating of four megawatts
9 or less, and (D) has at least two subscribers;

10 (2) "Individual billing meter" means an individual electric meter or a
11 set of electric meters, when such meters are combined for billing
12 purposes, within the service territory of the subscriber's electric
13 distribution company;

14 (3) "Electric distribution company" has the same meaning as
15 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

16 (4) "Subscriber" means an in-state retail end user of an electric
17 distribution company who (A) has contracted for a subscription, and

18 (B) has identified an individual billing meter to which the subscription
19 shall be attributed;

20 (5) "Subscriber organization" means any for-profit or not-for-profit
21 entity permitted by Connecticut law that (A) owns or operates one or
22 more shared clean energy facilities for the benefit of the subscribers, or
23 (B) contracts with a third-party entity to build, own or operate one or
24 more shared clean energy facilities; and

25 (6) "Subscription" means a beneficial use of a shared clean energy
26 facility, including, but not limited to, a percentage interest in the total
27 amount of electricity produced by such facility or a set amount of
28 electricity produced by such facility.

29 (b) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
30 consultation with the electric distribution companies, shall establish a
31 three-year pilot program to support the development of shared clean
32 energy facilities. On or before January 1, 2016, the department shall
33 develop and issue a request for proposals from subscriber
34 organizations seeking to develop a shared clean energy facility.

35 (c) The department shall select, pursuant to the request for
36 proposals process, two recipients for the shared clean energy facility
37 pilot program. To the extent possible, one recipient shall construct a
38 shared clean energy facility with a nameplate capacity rating of not
39 more than two megawatts and the other recipient shall construct a
40 shared clean energy facility with a nameplate capacity rating of not
41 more than four megawatts. The department shall establish (1) a billing
42 credit for any subscriber of a shared clean energy facility, and (2)
43 consumer protections for subscribers and potential subscribers of such
44 a facility, including, but not limited to, disclosures to be made when
45 selling or reselling a subscription.

46 (d) Not later than one year after being selected for an award under
47 the shared clean energy facility pilot program and annually for two
48 years thereafter, each recipient shall submit a report, in accordance

49 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
50 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
51 relating to energy and to the Department of Energy and
52 Environmental Protection. Such report shall include, but not be limited
53 to, information concerning the status of the shared clean energy
54 facility.

55 (e) On or before January 1, 2019, the department shall file a report,
56 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
57 statutes, with the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
58 having cognizance of matters relating to energy, (1) analyzing the
59 success of the shared clean energy pilot program, (2) identifying and
60 analyzing the success of programs in other states that allow facilities
61 similar to a shared clean energy facility, and (3) recommending
62 whether a permanent program should be established in this state and,
63 if so, any necessary legislation.

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

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*