



**Senate Bill No. 575**

**Public Act No. 15-135**

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC RATE TRANSPARENCY.**

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

Section 1. Section 16-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

(a) In any matter within the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority involving rates, charges or accommodation of the public, which concerns:

(1) An electric distribution company that has a service area of not more than seventeen towns, the authority shall hold hearings on such matter in at least two towns within the service area of such company;

(2) An electric distribution company that has a service area of eighteen or more towns, the authority shall hold hearings on such matter in at least three towns within the service area of such company;  
or

(3) Any other public service company, the authority shall hold [at least one session of its] a hearing or hearings on such matter in [a] at least one town within the [area served by the public service] service area of such company. [concerned with such matter, such town to be selected]

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(b) The authority shall select each town described in subsection (a) of this section for a hearing to suit as nearly as practicable the convenience of persons affected by [such] the matter. Upon petition of not fewer than twenty-five persons affected by [such] the matter, any such [a session] hearing shall be held in the evening. The authority shall have the discretion to hold the remainder of its hearings on a matter, if any, anywhere within the state of Connecticut.

Approved June 23, 2015