

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6994**

LCO No. 5757

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE PIPES OF WATER COMPANIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) Upon application of a
2 property owner to a water company, as defined in section 16-1 of the
3 general statutes, to install a service pipe, as defined in section 16-262u
4 of the general statutes, extending to such property owner's dwelling by
5 crossing intervening properties, the water company may approve such
6 property owner's application if the property owner demonstrates (1)
7 that such service pipe shall extend to not more than such property
8 owner's dwelling; (2) that proper easements are in place; (3) sufficient
9 evidence to show that alternative ownership of a suitable strip of land
10 to establish frontage on a road is not feasible; (4) that his or her intent
11 is not to perpetuate an existing nonconforming condition through an
12 extension or replacement of an existing nonconforming service pipe;
13 (5) that the construction and installation of such service pipe shall
14 comply with the water company's standards and specifications; and (6)
15 that there is adequate water pressure available to serve the dwelling.

16 (b) If a property owner's application is denied or such property
17 owner cannot meet the conditions established in subsection (a) of this
18 section, such property owner, upon written request to the Public
19 Utilities Regulatory Authority, and with proper easements in place,

20 may be granted an exception to allow a service pipe to cross
21 intervening properties. The property owner may request such
22 exception only when such property owner is under exceptional
23 hardship. The authority shall approve or disapprove such request on a
24 case by case basis in accordance with section 16-11-64 of the
25 regulations of Connecticut state agencies.

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