



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 224***

LCO No. 1871



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPACITY AND CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-244v of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (a) An electric distribution company, or owner or developer of  
5 generation projects that emit no pollutants, may submit a proposal to  
6 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to build, own  
7 or operate one or more generation facilities up to an aggregate of  
8 [thirty] two hundred megawatts using Class I renewable energy  
9 sources as defined in section 16-1 from July 1, [2011] 2016, to July 1,  
10 [2013] 2019. Each facility shall be greater than one megawatt but not  
11 more than [five] sixty-five megawatts. Each electric distribution  
12 company may enter into joint ownership agreements, partnerships or  
13 other agreements with private developers to carry out the provisions  
14 of this section. The aggregate ownership for an electric distribution  
15 company pursuant to this section shall not exceed [ten] sixty-five  
16 megawatts. The department shall evaluate such proposals pursuant to

17 sections 16-19 and 16-19e and may approve one or more of such  
18 proposals if it finds that the proposal serves the long-term interest of  
19 ratepayers. The department (1) shall not approve any proposal  
20 supported in any form of cross subsidization by entities affiliated with  
21 the electric distribution company, [and] (2) shall give preference to  
22 proposals that make efficient use of existing sites and supply  
23 infrastructure and support the goals outlined in the Comprehensive  
24 Energy Strategy, prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d, and (3) shall  
25 maximize production of in-state electricity to support the achievement  
26 of the 2020 renewable portfolio standard goals of the state established  
27 in section 16-245a, including improving grid reliability and voltage  
28 stabilization. No such company may, under any circumstances,  
29 recover more than the full costs identified in a proposal, as approved  
30 by the department. Nothing in this section shall preclude the resale or  
31 other disposition of energy or associated renewable energy credits  
32 purchased by the electric distribution company, provided the  
33 distribution company shall net the cost of payments made to projects  
34 under the long-term contracts against the proceeds of the sale of  
35 energy or renewable energy credits and the difference shall be credited  
36 or charged to distribution customers through a reconciling component  
37 of electric rates as determined by the authority that is nonbypassable  
38 when switching electric suppliers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	16-244v(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow submission of proposals for Class I renewable energy generation facilities with an increased potential size for such 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.]*