"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIVERSITY OF BASELOAD ENERGY SUPPLIES IN THE STATE AND ACHIEVING CONNECTICUT’S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED LEVELS."

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-244c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) (1) On and after January 1, 2007, each electric distribution company shall provide electric generation services through standard service to any customer who (A) does not arrange for or is not receiving electric generation services from an electric supplier, and (B) does not use a demand meter or has a maximum demand of less than five hundred kilowatts.

(2) Not later than October 1, 2006, and periodically as required by
subdivision (3) of this subsection, but not more often than every calendar quarter, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall establish the standard service price for such customers pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection. Each electric distribution company shall recover the actual net costs of procuring and providing electric generation services pursuant to this subsection, provided such company mitigates the costs it incurs for the procurement of electric generation services for customers who are no longer receiving service pursuant to this subsection.

(3) An electric distribution company providing electric generation services pursuant to this subsection shall cooperate with the procurement manager of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and comply with the procurement plan for electric generation services contracts. Such plan shall require (A) that the portfolio of service contracts be procured in such manner and duration as the authority determines to be most likely to produce just, reasonable and reasonably stable retail rates while reflecting underlying wholesale market prices over time, and (B) the electric distribution company to procure generation equal to seven and one-half megawatts of electric capacity from a biomass facility that is a Class I renewable energy source. The portfolio of contracts shall be assembled in such manner as to invite competition; guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption; and secure a reliable electricity supply while avoiding unusual, anomalous or excessive pricing. An affiliate of an electric distribution company may bid for an electric generation services contract, provided such electric distribution company and affiliate are in compliance with the code of conduct established in section 16-244h.

(4) The procurement manager of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may retain the services of entities as it sees fit to assist with the procurement of electric generation services for standard service. Costs associated with the retention of such third-party entity shall be included in the cost of standard service.
(5) For standard service contracts procured prior to the authority's approval of the Procurement Plan, each bidder for a standard service contract shall submit its bid to the electric distribution company and the third-party entity who shall jointly review the bids and submit an overview of all bids together with a joint recommendation to the authority as to the preferred bidders. The authority may, within ten business days of submission of the overview, reject the recommendation regarding preferred bidders. In the event that the authority rejects the preferred bids, the electric distribution company and the third-party entity shall rebid the service pursuant to this subdivision. The authority shall review each bid in an uncontested proceeding that shall include a public hearing and in which any interested person, including, but not limited to, the Consumer Counsel, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or the Attorney General, may participate."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | from passage | 16-244c(a) |