



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5002**

LCO No. 6169



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A GREEN ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the  
3 procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the  
4 general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney  
5 General, shall solicit proposals, in one solicitation or multiple  
6 solicitations, from providers of energy derived from anaerobic  
7 digestion.

8 (b) If the commissioner finds such proposals to be in the interest of  
9 ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the delivered price of such  
10 sources, and consistent with the requirements to reduce greenhouse  
11 gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-200a of the general  
12 statutes, and in accordance with the policy goals outlined in the  
13 Comprehensive Energy Strategy, adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d  
14 of the general statutes, the commissioner may select proposals from  
15 such resources that have a total nameplate capacity rating of not more  
16 than ten megawatts in the aggregate. The commissioner may, on behalf

17 of all customers of electric distribution companies, direct the electric  
18 distribution companies to enter into power purchase agreements for  
19 energy, capacity and environmental attributes, or any combination  
20 thereof, for periods of not more than twenty years.

21 (c) Certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation  
22 Information System procured by an electric distribution company  
23 pursuant to this section may be: (1) Sold into the New England Power  
24 Pool Generation Information System renewable energy credit market  
25 to be used by any electric supplier or electric distribution company to  
26 meet the requirements of section 16-245a of the general statutes,  
27 provided the revenues from such sale are credited to electric  
28 distribution company customers as described in this section; or (2)  
29 retained by the electric distribution company to meet the requirements  
30 of section 16-245a of the general statutes. In considering whether to sell  
31 or retain such certificates, the company shall select the option that is in  
32 the best interest of such company's ratepayers.

33 (d) Any such agreement shall be subject to review and approval by  
34 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, which review shall  
35 commence upon the filing of the signed power purchase agreement  
36 with the authority. The authority shall issue a decision on such  
37 agreement not later than forty-five days after such filing. In the event  
38 the authority does not issue a decision within forty-five days after such  
39 agreement is filed with the authority, the agreement shall be deemed  
40 approved.

41 (e) The net costs of any such agreement, including costs incurred by  
42 the electric distribution company under the agreement and reasonable  
43 costs incurred by the electric distribution company in connection with  
44 the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully  
45 reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric  
46 distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products  
47 purchased in accordance with long-term contracts entered into  
48 pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the

49 same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of the  
50 contracting electric distribution company.

51 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office  
52 of Policy and Management shall conduct a study to determine what  
53 the return on investment to the state would be if the provisions of  
54 section 16a-37u of the general statutes were fully implemented. Such  
55 study shall include the projected return on investment.

56 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
57 and Management, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
58 statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to  
59 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the  
60 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the procurement of energy derived from anaerobic digestion and to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to study the return on investment from fully implementing certain provisions of the general statutes.

*[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.]*

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