



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6723

LCO No. 3444



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

(ET)

***AN ACT PERMITTING HARDSHIP CUSTOMERS TO PURCHASE
ELECTRICITY FROM ENERGY SUPPLIERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 16-245o of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (m) (1) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may initiate a
5 docket to review the feasibility, costs and benefits of placing on standard
6 service, or of otherwise limiting the ability to contract with electric
7 suppliers, all customers [(1)] (A) who are hardship cases for purposes of
8 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c, [(2)] (B) having
9 moneys due and owing deducted from such customers' bills by the
10 electric distribution company pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection
11 (b) of section 16-262c, [(3)] (C) receiving other financial assistance from
12 an electric distribution company, or [(4)] (D) who are otherwise
13 protected by law from shutoff of electricity services. Notwithstanding
14 the provisions of section 16-245r, the authority may, in a final decision
15 issued pursuant to this subsection, [(A)] order all such customers to be

16 placed on standard service, [(B)] order all customer contracts with
17 electric suppliers, entered into on and after a determined date, to be at
18 or below the standard service rate[,] or [(C)] order all customer
19 contracts, entered into on and after a determined date, to comply with
20 appropriate limitations the authority deems necessary. If the authority
21 issues such an order, it shall reopen such docket not less than every two
22 years.

23 (2) Not later than June 30, 2023, in a new docket or a docket reopened
24 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the authority shall modify
25 any order issued pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to permit
26 all hardship customers, as defined in such an order, to contract with
27 electric suppliers.

28 (3) On and after July 1, 2023, no electric distribution company shall
29 prevent customers who are hardship cases for purposes of subdivision
30 (3) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c, from contracting with electric
31 suppliers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-245o(m)

Statement of Purpose:

To permit hardship customers to contract with third-party electric suppliers.

[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.]