



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 316

LCO No. 2629



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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
SEN. HWANG, 28th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY, ELECTRIC RATE REGULATION AND STATE PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNING ELECTRICITY GENERATION.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Separate the Public
2 Utilities Regulatory Authority from the Department of Energy and
3 Environmental Protection; (2) provide the authority with the discretion
4 to make decoupling orders and determine a decoupling mechanism
5 pursuant to such orders that would benefit ratepayers and reduce
6 outages; (3) permit settlements of rate cases only if (A) the terms
7 conform with the principles in section 16-19e of the general statutes, (B)
8 the parties to the settlement appear before the authority to answer
9 questions about the settlement, and (C) the settlement is for a period not
10 longer than that of the underlying rate case; (4) reduce the public policy
11 charges embedded in electric rates or fund such public policies in the
12 state budget; (5) require that the Combined Public Benefits Charge and
13 Federally Mandated Congestion Charges be separated from Delivery
14 Charges on customer electric bills and combined into a new category

15 called "State Policy Charges"; (6) redefine "Class I renewable energy
16 source" to include trash-to-energy facilities, conventional hydropower
17 facilities, and nuclear power facilities and eliminate the "Class II
18 renewable energy source" category; and (7) create a task force to study
19 the procurement of standard service electricity contracts.

Statement of Purpose:

To lower the cost of energy for ratepayers in the state.