



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1531

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AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC UTILITY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 1-200 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (1) "Public agency" or "agency" means:

5 (A) Any executive, administrative or legislative office of the state or
6 any political subdivision of the state and any state or town agency, any
7 department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority or official
8 of the state or of any city, town, borough, municipal corporation, school
9 district, regional district or other district or other political subdivision of
10 the state, including any committee of, or created by, any such office,
11 subdivision, agency, department, institution, bureau, board,
12 commission, authority or official, and also includes any judicial office,
13 official, or body or committee thereof but only with respect to its or their
14 administrative functions, and for purposes of this subparagraph,
15 "judicial office" includes, but is not limited to, the Division of Public
16 Defender Services;

17 (B) Any person to the extent such person is deemed to be the
18 functional equivalent of a public agency pursuant to law; [or]

19 (C) Any "implementing agency", as defined in section 32-222; or

20 (D) Any electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline
21 company or water company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1,
22 with more than two hundred thousand customers in the state, with
23 respect to any portions of its business under the regulation of the Public
24 Utilities Regulatory Authority.

25 Sec. 2. Section 16-243gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

27 (a) No electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline
28 company or water company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1,
29 shall recover through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with
30 membership, dues, sponsorships or contributions to a business or
31 industry trade association, group or related entity incorporated under
32 Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
33 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended
34 from time to time.

35 (b) No electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline
36 company or water company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1,
37 shall recover through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with
38 lobbying or legislative action, as such terms are defined in section 1-91.

39 (c) No electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline
40 company or water company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1,
41 shall recover through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with
42 advertising, marketing, communications that seek to influence public
43 opinion or any other related costs identified by the authority, unless
44 such marketing, advertising, communications or related costs are
45 specifically approved or ordered by the authority or the Department of
46 Energy and Environmental Protection.

47 (d) No electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline
48 company or water company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1,
49 shall recover through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with (1)
50 travel, lodging or food and beverage expenses for such company's board
51 of directors and officers or the board of directors and officers of such
52 company's parent company; (2) entertainment or gifts; (3) any owned,
53 leased or chartered aircraft for such company's board of directors and
54 officers or the board of directors and officers of such company's parent
55 company; or (4) investor relations.

56 (e) No electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline
57 company or water company that is a public agency, as defined in section
58 1-200, as amended by this act, shall recover through rates any direct or
59 indirect costs associated with complying with the provisions of the
60 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, as amended by
61 this act, unless such expenses are recognized by the authority as proper
62 business expenses for rate-making purposes that achieve the objectives
63 set forth in subsection (a) of section 16-19 and in section 16-19e.

64 [(e)] (f) On or before January 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, each
65 electric distribution company, gas company, pipeline company or water
66 company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1, with more than
67 seventy-five thousand customers shall report to the authority an
68 itemized list of costs associated with the activities described in this
69 section and subsection (b) of section 16-243p in a form prescribed by the
70 authority. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Any
71 costs spent by the parent company or affiliates of the public service
72 company directly billed or allocated to the public service company; (2)
73 a list of the title, job description and salary of any employees of the
74 public service company who performed work associated with the
75 activities described in this section or in subsection (b) of section 16-243p
76 and the hours attributed to such work; (3) a list of the title, job
77 description and salary of any employees of the parent company or
78 affiliate who performed work associated with the activities described in
79 this section or in subsection (b) of section 16-243p and the hours
80 attributed to such work that were directly billed or allocated to the

81 public service company; (4) an itemized list of costs that the public
82 service company made to all third-party vendors for any expenses
83 associated with the activities described in this section or in subsection
84 (b) of section 16-243p including unredacted billing amounts, billing
85 dates, payees and explanation of the expenditure in detail sufficient to
86 describe the purpose of the cost; and (5) any other itemized information
87 deemed relevant by the authority. No electric distribution company, gas
88 company, pipeline company or water company, as such terms are
89 defined in section 16-1, shall recover through rates any costs associated
90 with the preparation of such report.

91 Sec. 3. Subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of section 16-245m of the
92 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
93 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

94 (3) Programs included in the plan developed under subdivision (1) of
95 this subsection shall be screened through cost-effectiveness testing that
96 compares the value and payback period of program benefits for all
97 energy savings to program costs to ensure that programs are designed
98 to obtain energy savings and system benefits, including mitigation of
99 federally mandated congestion charges, whose value is greater than the
100 costs of the programs. Program cost-effectiveness shall be reviewed by
101 the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection annually, or
102 otherwise as is practicable, and shall incorporate the results of the
103 evaluation process set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection, except
104 the Home Energy Solutions Audit program, which shall be subject to a
105 financial and performance audit by the Auditors of Public Accounts not
106 less than biennially, in lieu of review by the commissioner. If a program
107 is determined to fail the cost-effectiveness test as part of the review
108 process, it shall either be modified to meet the test or shall be terminated,
109 unless it is integral to other programs that in combination are cost-
110 effective. On or before March 1, 2005, and on or before March first
111 annually thereafter, the board shall provide a report, in accordance with
112 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
113 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
114 the environment that documents (A) expenditures and fund balances

115 and evaluates the cost-effectiveness of such programs conducted in the
116 preceding year, and (B) the extent to and manner in which the programs
117 of such board collaborated and cooperated with programs, established
118 under section 7-233y, of municipal electric energy cooperatives. To
119 maximize the reduction of federally mandated congestion charges,
120 programs in the plan may allow for disproportionate allocations
121 between the amount of contributions pursuant to this section by a
122 certain rate class and the programs that benefit such a rate class. Before
123 conducting such evaluation, the board shall consult with the board of
124 directors of the Connecticut Green Bank. The report shall include a
125 description of the activities undertaken during the reporting period.

126 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall
127 hire an additional auditor to conduct performance audits not later than
128 July 1, 2026.

129 Sec. 5. Section 16-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
130 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

131 All decisions, orders and authorizations of the Public Utilities
132 Regulatory Authority shall be in writing and shall specify the reasons
133 therefor, shall be filed and kept in the office of the authority and
134 recorded in a book kept by it for that purpose and shall be public
135 records. Said authority may, at any time, for cause shown, upon hearing
136 had after notice to all parties in interest not less than two weeks prior to
137 such hearing, rescind, reverse or alter any decision, order or
138 authorization by it made. Written notice of all orders, decisions or
139 authorizations issued by the authority shall be given to the company or
140 person affected thereby, by personal service upon such company or
141 person or by registered or certified mail, as the authority determines.
142 Any final decision, order or authorization of the Public Utilities
143 Regulatory Authority in a contested case shall constitute a final decision
144 for the purposes of chapter 54.

145 Sec. 6. Section 16-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the
146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

147 The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall fix a time and place
148 for all hearings and shall mail notice thereof to such parties in interest
149 as the authority deems necessary and give public notice thereof at least
150 [one week] two weeks prior to any such hearing.

151 Sec. 7. Subsection (n) of section 16-2 of the general statutes is repealed
152 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

153 (n) Two or more utility commissioners serving on a panel established
154 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may confer or communicate
155 regarding the matter before such panel. [Any such conference or
156 communication that does not occur before the public at a hearing or
157 proceeding shall not constitute a meeting as defined in section 1-200.]

158 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 16-19 of the general statutes is
159 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
160 *1, 2025*):

161 (a) No public service company may charge rates in excess of those
162 previously approved by the Public Utilities Control Authority or the
163 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, except that any rate approved by
164 the Public Utilities Commission, the Public Utilities Control Authority
165 or the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall be permitted until
166 amended by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, that rates not
167 approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may be charged
168 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and that the hearing
169 requirements with respect to adjustment clauses are as set forth in
170 section 16-19b. For water companies, existing rates shall include the
171 amount of any adjustments approved pursuant to section 16-262w since
172 the company's most recent general rate case, provided any adjustment
173 amount shall be separately identified in any customer bill. Each public
174 service company shall file any proposed amendment of its existing rates
175 with the authority in such form and in accordance with such reasonable
176 regulations as the authority may prescribe. Each electric distribution,
177 gas or telephone company filing a proposed amendment shall also file
178 with the authority an estimate of the effects of the amendment, for

179 various levels of consumption, on the household budgets of high and
180 moderate income customers and customers having household incomes
181 not more than one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level.
182 Each electric distribution company shall also file such an estimate for
183 space heating customers. Each water company, except a water company
184 that provides water to its customers less than six consecutive months in
185 a calendar year, filing a proposed amendment, shall also file with the
186 authority a plan for promoting water conservation by customers in such
187 form and in accordance with a memorandum of understanding entered
188 into by the authority pursuant to section 4-67e. Each public service
189 company shall notify each customer who would be affected by the
190 proposed amendment, by mail, at least one week prior to the first public
191 hearing thereon, but not earlier than six weeks prior to such first public
192 hearing, that an amendment has been or will be requested. Such notice
193 shall also indicate (1) the date, time and location of any scheduled public
194 hearing, (2) a statement that customers may provide written comments
195 regarding the proposed amendment to the Public Utilities Regulatory
196 Authority or appear in person at any scheduled public hearing, (3) the
197 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority telephone number for obtaining
198 information concerning the schedule for public hearings on the
199 proposed amendment, and (4) whether the proposed amendment
200 would, in the company's best estimate, increase any rate or charge by
201 five per cent or more, and, if so, describe in general terms any such rate
202 or charge and the amount of the proposed increase. If a company fails
203 to provide adequate notice, the authority shall consider the effective
204 filing date of such company's proposed amendment to be the date that
205 the company provides adequate notice to customers, as determined by
206 the authority. Until the effective filing date, no days shall count toward
207 the time limit for a final decision in this subsection. In the case of a
208 proposed amendment to the rates of any public service company, the
209 authority shall hold one or more public hearings thereon, except as
210 permitted with respect to interim rate amendments by subsections (d)
211 and (g) of this section, and shall make such investigation of such
212 proposed amendment of rates as is necessary to determine whether such
213 rates conform to the principles and guidelines set forth in section 16-19e,

214 or are unreasonably discriminatory or more or less than just, reasonable
215 and adequate, or that the service furnished by such company is
216 inadequate to or in excess of public necessity and convenience, provided
217 the authority may (A) evaluate the reasonableness and adequacy of the
218 performance or service of the public service company using any
219 applicable metrics or standards adopted by the authority pursuant to
220 section 16-244aa, and (B) determine the reasonableness of the allowed
221 rate of return of the public service company based on such performance
222 evaluation, except that no public service company that is an electric
223 distribution company may be allowed a rate of return that exceeds the
224 weighted average cost of capital for such company, as determined by
225 the authority. The authority, if in its opinion such action appears
226 necessary or suitable in the public interest may, and, upon written
227 petition or complaint of the state, under direction of the Governor, shall,
228 make the aforesaid investigation of any such proposed amendment
229 which does not involve an alteration in rates. If the authority finds any
230 proposed amendment of rates to not conform to the principles and
231 guidelines set forth in section 16-19e, or to be unreasonably
232 discriminatory or more or less than just, reasonable and adequate to
233 enable such company to provide properly for the public convenience,
234 necessity and welfare, or the service to be inadequate or excessive, it
235 shall determine and prescribe, as appropriate, an adequate service to be
236 furnished or just and reasonable maximum rates and charges to be made
237 by such company. In the case of a proposed amendment filed by an
238 electric distribution, gas or telephone company, the authority shall also
239 adjust the estimate filed under this subsection of the effects of the
240 amendment on the household budgets of the company's customers, in
241 accordance with the rates and charges approved by the authority. The
242 authority shall issue a final decision on each electric distribution or gas
243 company rate filing not later than three hundred fifty days after the
244 effective filing date of the proposed amendment. The authority shall
245 issue a final decision on all public service company rate filings, except
246 electric distribution or gas company rate filings, not later than two
247 hundred seventy days after the effective filing date of the proposed
248 amendment.

249 Sec. 9. Subsection (g) of section 16-19 of the general statutes is
250 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
251 *1, 2025*)

252 (g) The authority shall hold either a special public hearing or combine
253 an investigation with an ongoing four-year review conducted in
254 accordance with section 16-19a or with a general rate hearing conducted
255 in accordance with subsection (a) of this section on the need for an
256 interim rate decrease (1) when a public service company has, for the
257 rolling twelve-month period ending with the two most recent
258 consecutive financial quarters, earned a return on equity which exceeds
259 the return authorized by the authority by at least one-half of one
260 percentage point, (2) if it finds, in the case of an electric distribution
261 company, a rate of return that exceeds the weighted average cost of
262 capital for such company, as determined by the authority, (3) if it finds
263 that any change in municipal, state or federal tax law creates a
264 significant increase in a company's rate of return, or [(3)] (4) if it provides
265 appropriate notice that a public service company may be collecting rates
266 or may have an authorized rate of return which is or are more than just,
267 reasonable and adequate, as determined by the authority, provided the
268 authority shall require appropriate notice of hearing to the company
269 and its customers who would be affected by an interim rate decrease in
270 such form as the authority deems reasonable. The company shall be
271 required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the authority that earning
272 such a return on equity, having an authorized rate of return or collecting
273 rates which are more than just, reasonable and adequate is directly
274 beneficial to its customers. At the completion of the proceeding, the
275 authority may order an interim rate decrease if it finds that such return
276 on equity or rates exceeds a reasonable rate of return or is more than
277 just, reasonable and adequate as determined by the authority. Any such
278 interim rate decrease shall be subject to a customer surcharge if the
279 interim rates collected by the company are less than the rates finally
280 approved by the authority or fixed at the conclusion of any appeal taken
281 as a result of any finding by the authority. Such surcharge shall be
282 assessed against customers in such amounts and by such procedure as

283 ordered by the authority.

284 Sec. 10. Subsection (d) of section 16-47 of the general statutes is
285 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
286 *1, 2025*):

287 (d) (1) (A) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall investigate
288 and hold a public hearing on the question of granting its approval with
289 respect to any application made under subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
290 of this section or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and
291 thereafter may approve or disapprove any such application in whole or
292 in part and upon such terms and conditions as it deems necessary or
293 appropriate. In connection with its investigation, the authority may
294 request the views of the gas company, electric distribution company,
295 water company, telephone company, community antenna television
296 company or holding company which is the subject of the application
297 with respect to the proposed acquisition.

298 (B) After the filing of an application satisfying the requirements of
299 such regulations as the authority may adopt in accordance with the
300 provisions of chapter 54, but not later than thirty business days after the
301 filing of such application, the authority shall give prompt notice of the
302 public hearing to the [person required to file the application] applicant
303 and to the subject company or holding company. Such hearing shall be
304 commenced as promptly as practicable after the filing of the application,
305 but not later than sixty business days after [the] such filing.

306 (C) The authority shall make its determination as soon as practicable,
307 but not later than two hundred days after the filing of the application,
308 unless the [person required to file the application] applicant agrees to
309 an extension of time or the authority extends the time as provided in
310 this subsection. The authority may extend the time period for making
311 its determination by not more than thirty days if, before the end of such
312 time period, the authority notifies all parties and intervenors to the
313 proceedings of such extension.

314 (D) The authority may, in its discretion, grant the subject company,

315 certificate holder, provider or holding company the opportunity to
316 participate in the hearing by presenting evidence and oral and written
317 argument. [If the authority fails to give notice of its determination to
318 hold a hearing, commence the hearing, or render its determination after
319 the hearing within the time limits specified in this subdivision, the
320 proposed acquisition shall be deemed approved.]

321 (E) In each proceeding on a written application submitted under said
322 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section or subdivision (1) of
323 subsection (c) of this section, the authority shall, in a manner [which]
324 that treats all parties to the proceeding on an equal basis, take into
325 consideration [(1)] (i) the financial, technological and managerial
326 suitability and responsibility of the applicant, [(2)] (ii) the ability of the
327 gas company, electric distribution company, water company, telephone
328 company, community antenna television company or holding company
329 which is the subject of the application to provide safe, adequate and
330 reliable service to the public through the company's plant, equipment
331 and manner of operation if the application were to be approved, and
332 [(3)] (iii) for an application concerning a telephone company, the effect
333 of approval on the location and accessibility of management and
334 operations and on the proportion and number of state resident
335 employees.

336 (F) The authority shall only grant its approval of an application filed
337 on or after January 1, 2021, made under subdivision (1) of subsection (c)
338 of this section, if the holding company [effects] implements a change in
339 the composition of the board of directors to include a proportional
340 percentage of Connecticut-based directors equivalent to the percentage
341 that Connecticut service areas represent of the total service areas
342 covered by the holding company.

343 (G) On and after October 1, 2025, the authority shall not approve any
344 application made pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this
345 section if the applicant seeking approval to control a gas company or
346 electric distribution company, or a holding company thereof, already
347 controls a gas company or electric distribution company, or a holding

348 company thereof, in the state.

349 (2) (A) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall investigate and
350 hold a public hearing on the question of granting its approval with
351 respect to any application made under subdivision (2) of subsection (b)
352 of this section or subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and
353 thereafter may approve or disapprove any such application in whole or
354 in part and upon such terms and conditions as it deems necessary or
355 appropriate. In connection with its investigation, the authority may
356 request the views of the subject certificate holder, provider or holding
357 company which is the subject of the application with respect to the
358 proposed acquisition.

359 (B) After the filing of an application satisfying the requirements of
360 such regulations as the authority may adopt in accordance with the
361 provisions of chapter 54, but not later than thirty business days after the
362 filing of such application, the authority shall give prompt notice of the
363 public hearing to the [person required to file the application] applicant
364 and to the subject certificate holder, provider or holding company. Such
365 hearing shall be commenced as promptly as practicable after the filing
366 of the application, but not later than sixty business days after [the] such
367 filing. [, and the]

368 (C) The authority shall make its determination as soon as practicable,
369 but not later than one hundred eighty days after the filing of the
370 application [,] unless the [person required to file the application]
371 applicant agrees to an extension of time or the authority extends the time
372 as provided in this subsection. The authority may extend the time
373 period for making its determination by not more than thirty days if,
374 before the end of such period, the authority notifies all parties and
375 intervenors to the proceedings of such extension, [. Such authority-
376 noticed extension may only occur once] provided only one such
377 extension may be noticed by the authority.

378 (D) The authority shall, upon request of the certificate holder,
379 provider or holding company, grant the subject company or holding

380 company the opportunity to participate in the hearing by presenting
381 evidence and oral and written argument.

382 (E) If the authority fails to give notice of its determination to hold a
383 hearing, commence the hearing or render its determination after the
384 hearing within the time limits specified in this subdivision, the
385 proposed acquisition shall be deemed approved.

386 (F) In each proceeding on a written application submitted under
387 [said] subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section or subdivision (2)
388 of subsection (c) of this section, the scope of review for the authority
389 shall be limited to [(A)] (i) the financial, technological and managerial
390 suitability and responsibility of the applicant, and [(B)] (ii) the legal,
391 financial and technical ability of the holder of a certificate of cable
392 franchise authority pursuant to section 16-331p, certified
393 telecommunications provider, certified competitive video service
394 provider or holding company which is the subject of the application to
395 provide safe, adequate and reliable service subject to the authority's
396 regulation.

397 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) On and after January 1, 2026,
398 no person, firm or corporation shall control both an electric distribution
399 company and a gas company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general
400 statutes. Any such person, firm or corporation that has control of more
401 than one such company in violation of this section shall divest itself of
402 the additional company and retain not more than one such company by
403 January 1, 2026. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall, after
404 notice and hearing in accordance with section 16-10a of the general
405 statutes, as amended by this act, revoke the franchise to operate as a
406 public service company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general
407 statutes, of any person, firm or corporation that is not in compliance
408 with the provisions of this section.

409 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 16-10a of the general statutes is
410 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
411 *1, 2025*):

412 (a) Whenever any person, firm or corporation, incorporated under
413 the general statutes or any special act, is granted a franchise to operate
414 as a public service company, as defined in section 16-1, and fails to
415 provide service which is adequate to serve the public convenience and
416 necessity of any town, city, borough, district or other political
417 subdivision of the state, or any portion thereof, for a period of five years
418 from the date of such franchise or from January 1, 1961, whichever is
419 later, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, on its own initiative, or
420 upon complaint of any such town, city, borough, district or other
421 political subdivision, or on petition of not less than five per cent of the
422 affected persons, but in no event more than one thousand persons, in
423 any such town, city, borough, district or other political subdivision, shall
424 fix a time and place for a hearing to be held thereon. Whenever any such
425 person, firm or corporation fails to comply with the merger prohibition
426 set forth in section 11 of this act, the authority shall fix a time and place
427 for a hearing to be held thereon. The authority shall give notice thereof
428 to all parties in interest and shall make such further investigation into
429 the alleged failure to provide such service or comply with the merger
430 prohibition as it deems necessary. If upon such hearing, said authority
431 finds that the holder of such franchise has failed to provide such service
432 or comply with such prohibition and that there is an immediate need for
433 such service, it may revoke such franchise as to any such town, city,
434 borough, district or political subdivision, or any portion thereof, or
435 make such other order as may be necessary to provide such service.
436 Whenever any person, firm or corporation, incorporated under the
437 general statutes or any special act, is granted a franchise to operate as a
438 railroad company, as defined in section 13b-199, and fails to provide
439 adequate service, or has discontinued the service, on any segment of its
440 lines for which such franchise is granted for a period of five years or
441 more, the franchise for such segment of line shall cease to exist and shall
442 be revoked by the authority for such failure to operate such service or
443 discontinuance of service for a period of five years or more.

444 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding any
445 provision of the general statutes, no state agency, as defined in section

446 4b-13 of the general statutes, quasi-public agency, as defined in section
447 1-120 of the general statutes, or municipality, as defined in section 7-
448 131q of the general statutes, shall offer a right of first refusal for the
449 conveyance of any real property to a public service company, as defined
450 in section 16-1 of the general statutes, prior to offering such property for
451 general sale.

452 Sec. 14. Section 16-19 of the general statutes is amended by adding
453 subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

454 (NEW) (i) The authority shall not approve the imposition of any fee
455 by a public service company under this section that would discourage
456 the adoption of grid-enhancing or energy-efficient technologies,
457 provided the provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to
458 apply to an order by the authority under this section concerning rates
459 that is perceived by a public service company to discourage such
460 company from making capital investments in the grid.

461 Sec. 15. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 16-245d of the
462 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
463 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

464 (5) An electric distribution company shall, in accordance with the
465 billing format developed by the authority, include the following
466 information in each customer's bill: (A) The total amount owed by the
467 customer, which shall be itemized using the categories described in
468 subdivision (3) of this subsection; (B) any unpaid amounts from
469 previous bills which shall be listed separately from current charges; (C)
470 except for customers subject to a demand charge, the rate and usage for
471 the current month and each of the previous twelve months in the form
472 of a bar graph or other visual form; (D) the payment due date; (E) the
473 interest rate applicable to any unpaid amount; (F) the toll-free telephone
474 number of the electric distribution company to report power losses; (G)
475 the toll-free telephone number of the Public Utilities Regulatory
476 Authority for questions or complaints; and (H) if a customer has a
477 demand of five hundred kilowatts or less during the preceding twelve

478 months, a statement about the availability of information concerning
479 electric suppliers pursuant to section 16-245p. An electric distribution
480 company shall not impose any fee that has not been authorized by the
481 authority pursuant to any provision of this title.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	1-200(1)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-243gg
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	16-245m(d)(3)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-9
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-25
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-2(n)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-19(a)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-19(g)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-47(d)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-10a(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-19(i)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	16-245d(a)(5)

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