

Testimony for the Energy & Technology Committee regarding proposed bill No. LCO No . 3916

To whom it may concern:

I represent a small privately owned water utility that will be significantly effected by the changes proposed by bill no. 3916. This bill appears to be mainly focused on electric utilities and yet there are a number of changes that will have an impact on the water utility industry. We strongly urge your committee to remove all references to changes for the water utility industry and allow those issues to be dealt with in normal session. I understand that the legislature wants to make a strong statement to the electric industry due to its response to recent storms and other matters. Our industry should not be included as an unintended consequence to that response.

Some of those changes are the following:

1/ Extend the statutory time frame for PURA to render a decision in rate cases from 150 days to 350 days.

2/ Extend the statutory time frame for PURA to render a debt request decision from 30 days to 90 days.

3/ Requires PURA to consider whether the recovery of the costs of executive / officer compensation in rate cases should be dependent upon the company achieving certain performance standards.

These are just some of the changes which would have a significant impact on my companies. I urge your committee to remove these changes and focus on your intended response. Please see the testimony of our trade association (CWWA) for a complete list of changes.

Sincerely

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