



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5349**

LCO No. 2037



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS BY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-244v of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (e) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (e) An electric distribution company may submit a proposal  
4 to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to own one  
5 or more solar power electrical generation facilities, on such company's  
6 property, up to an aggregate of fifty megawatts from July 1, 2020, to July  
7 1, 2024. The aggregate ownership for an electric distribution company  
8 pursuant to this section shall not exceed such company's respective  
9 share for the state's total distribution system load as of July 1, 2020. Each  
10 solar power electrical generation facility shall be greater than one  
11 megawatt but not more than the total number of megawatts allocated to  
12 the electric distribution company under this subsection. The department  
13 shall evaluate such proposals pursuant to sections 16-19 and 16-19e and  
14 may approve one or more of such proposals if it finds that the proposal  
15 serves the long-term interest of ratepayers.

16 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection (b) of this section,  
17 the electric distribution company shall sell all power, capacity and  
18 related products resulting from such solar power electrical generating  
19 facilities (A) into applicable markets or through bilateral contracts with  
20 third parties, and (B) in accordance with any applicable guidelines  
21 established by the department, with the net proceeds of all such  
22 transactions being recoverable from all customers of the electric  
23 distribution company through a fully reconciling nonbypassable  
24 component of electric rates for all customers of electric distribution  
25 companies.

26 (2) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority may authorize an  
27 electric distribution company to recover its prudently incurred costs  
28 and investments for any solar power electrical generation facility, as  
29 described in this subsection, such electric distribution company builds,  
30 owns or operates through a fully reconciling component of electric rates  
31 for all customers of electric distribution companies, until the electric  
32 distribution company's next rate case, at which time such costs and  
33 investments shall be recoverable through base distribution rates  
34 consistent with the principles set forth in sections 16-19 and 16-19e.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-244v

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow electric distribution companies to submit proposals to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to own solar power generation facilities up to an aggregate of fifty megawatts.

*[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.]*