



General Assembly

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LCO No. 3853



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study (1) how the market serviced by each electric distribution
3 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, may be
4 reconstituted to increase accountability to ratepayers and increase
5 responsiveness to ratepayer needs, and (2) the introduction of
6 competition in the electric transmission or distribution services industry
7 in the state. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an
8 evaluation concerning the costs of acquiring electric transmission or
9 distribution services infrastructure from each electric distribution
10 company.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
13 who shall be a representative from a retail electric supplier;

14 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who

15 shall be a ratepayer from the Eversource Energy service area;

16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives, who shall be a ratepayer from the United Illuminating
18 Company service area;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
20 a representative from a municipal electric company;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall have expertise in the electric transmission or
23 distribution services industry;

24 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
25 a representative from a ratepayer advocacy group;

26 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
27 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
28 relating to energy, or their designees;

29 (8) One representative from the regional independent system
30 operator, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

31 (9) One representative from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;
32 and

33 (10) One representative from the Office of Consumer Counsel.

34 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
35 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
36 be filled by the appointing authority.

37 (d) The chairperson of the task force shall be selected by the members
38 of the task force. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the
39 task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective
40 date of this section.

41 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy shall

43 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

44 (f) Not later than January 15, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
45 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy,
47 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
48 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
49 January 15, 2022, whichever is later.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study (1) electric distribution companies and such companies' accountability and responsiveness to ratepayers, and (2) the introduction of competition in the electric transmission or distribution services industry in Connecticut.

[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.]