



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 232

LCO No. 3393



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF
LEAKAGE FROM GAS PIPELINES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-34a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Not later than July 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the Public
4 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall submit a report, in accordance
5 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of
6 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.
7 Such report shall include (1) a description of the reasons for each gas
8 company's percentage of lost and unaccounted for gas, (2)
9 recommendations for each gas company's gas leak reduction strategy,
10 (3) a description of each gas company's current gas leak monitoring
11 system program, and (4) the number of leaks and causes of such leaks
12 throughout the entire gas distribution system in the state and any
13 other information the authority determines to be relevant.

14 (b) The authority shall initiate a docket to investigate the lost and
15 unaccounted for gas of a gas company if the percentage of lost and

16 unaccounted for gas of such gas company in any calendar year exceeds
 17 a total of [three] one per cent. In such docket, a gas company shall
 18 report (1) leak detection and monitoring procedures, (2) emissions
 19 reduction strategies in addition to leak repair, and (3) any additional
 20 requirements the authority determines to be relevant. In such docket,
 21 the authority shall establish a cost mechanism to comply with long-
 22 term emissions reductions required by section 22a-200a and to
 23 incentivize a gas company to (A) reduce lost and unaccounted for gas,
 24 including the number of leaks throughout the entire gas distribution
 25 system in the state, (B) replace aging infrastructure, and (C) comply
 26 with any additional requirements the authority determines to be
 27 relevant. Such cost mechanism may be incorporated in the purchased
 28 gas adjustment clause pursuant to section 16-19b.

29 (c) No gas company may recover costs associated with any lost or
 30 unaccounted for gas.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	16-34a

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce methane emissions and certain charges to gas customers.

[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.]

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