



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 889***

LCO No. 4560



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY  
AUTHORITY'S INVESTIGATION OF LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR  
GAS.***

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 Section 16-34a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 the leaked  
16 gas component of the lost and unaccounted for gas of such gas  
17 company in any [calendar] year exceeds a total of [three] one and one-  
18 half per cent. In such docket, a gas company shall report (1) leak  
19 detection and monitoring procedures, (2) emissions reduction  
20 strategies in addition to leak repair, and (3) any additional  
21 requirements the authority determines to be relevant. In such docket,  
22 the authority shall establish a cost mechanism to comply with long-  
23 term emissions reductions required by section 22a-200a and to  
24 incentivize a gas company to (A) reduce lost and unaccounted for gas,  
25 including the number of leaks throughout the entire gas distribution  
26 system in the state, (B) replace aging infrastructure, and (C) comply  
27 with any additional requirements the authority determines to be  
28 relevant. Such cost mechanism may be incorporated in the purchased  
29 gas adjustment clause pursuant to section 16-19b.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to investigate the last and unaccounted for gas of a gas company if the percentage of the leaked gas component of the lost and unaccounted for gas exceeds one and one-half per cent.

*[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.]*