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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 Section 16-34a of the general statutes is repealed and the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

ET *Joint Favorable*