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"AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE POWER GENERATION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section
4 and sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act:

5 (1) "Authority" means the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;

6 (2) "Class I renewable energy source" has the same meaning as
7 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

8 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Energy and
9 Environmental Protection;

10 (4) "Distributed energy resource" has the same meaning as provided
11 in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

12 (5) "Dwelling unit" has the same meaning as provided in section 47a-
13 1 of the general statutes;

14 (6) "Energy storage system" has the same meaning as provided in
15 section 16-1 of the general statutes;

16 (7) "Shared clean energy facility" means a Class I renewable energy
17 source that (A) emits no pollutants, (B) is served by an electric
18 distribution company, (C) has a nameplate capacity rating of five
19 megawatts or less, and (D) has at least two subscribers;

20 (8) "Residential customer" means a customer that resides in a single-
21 family home, a multifamily development consisting of two to four
22 dwelling units or a multifamily development consisting of five or more
23 dwelling units, provided in the case of a multifamily development
24 consisting of five or more such units, (A) not less than sixty per cent of
25 the units of the multifamily development are occupied by persons and
26 families with income that is not more than sixty per cent of the area
27 median income for the municipality in which it is located, as determined
28 by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,
29 or (B) such multifamily development is determined to be affordable
30 housing by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority according to any
31 alternative metrics designated by the authority; and

32 (9) "Low-income customer" means a retail end user of an electric
33 distribution company (A) who resides in the state, (B) whose income
34 does not exceed sixty per cent of the state median income, adjusted for
35 family size, or (C) who resides in an affordable housing development,
36 provided the authority may modify the definition of "low-income
37 customer" for the sole purpose of aligning such definition with the
38 requirements of any federal program that provides renewable energy
39 incentives.

40 (b) On or before August 1, 2026, the authority shall initiate a
41 proceeding to establish a successor program to the Residential
42 Renewable Energy Solutions program established by the authority
43 pursuant to section 16-244z of the general statutes, as amended by this
44 act. In establishing such successor program, the authority shall establish
45 (1) tariffs for each electric distribution company, (2) a rate for such

46 tariffs, and (3) tariff terms and conditions consistent with the
47 requirements of this section. Any such tariff shall be for a term not to
48 exceed twenty years. In such proceeding, the authority shall consider
49 the findings of the study of the value of distributed energy resources
50 conducted pursuant to section 16a-3o of the general statutes, the
51 recommendations of the Integrated Resources Plan developed pursuant
52 to section 16a-3a of the general statutes and the Comprehensive Energy
53 Strategy developed pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes,
54 the system efficiency and utilization goal established pursuant to section
55 16a-3v of the general statutes and the impact of distributed energy
56 resources on the state's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
57 pursuant to section 22a-200a of the general statutes. The authority shall
58 issue a final order in such proceeding on or before December 1, 2027.

59 (c) In establishing rates for tariffs pursuant to this section, the
60 authority shall set such rates based on the electric system benefits
61 received by all ratepayers from the distributed energy resource based
62 on time of production, equitable distribution of participant benefits, the
63 Comprehensive Energy Strategy adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d of
64 the general statutes, the Integrated Resources Plan developed pursuant
65 to section 16a-3a of the general statutes, the system efficiency and
66 utilization goal established pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general
67 statutes and the value or benefits of distributed energy resources to the
68 reliability of the electric grid in the state. The authority shall assess
69 whether to incorporate time-varying rates or other dynamic pricing
70 methods.

71 (d) (1) On and after January 1, 2028, until December 31, 2028,
72 pursuant to the program established under this section, each electric
73 distribution company shall offer, for the purchase of energy products
74 and renewable energy certificates generated from a distributed energy
75 resource that emits no pollutants, that is located on a customer's
76 premises and that has a nameplate capacity rating of twenty-five
77 kilowatts or less per dwelling unit located on such premises, for a term
78 not to exceed twenty years: (A) For residential customers that reside in

79 a single-family home or a development with four or fewer dwelling
80 units, a tariff for the purchase of any energy at the rate established by
81 the authority pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and any
82 renewable energy certificates generated by such energy resource, on a
83 cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis, or (B) for low-income customers or
84 customers that reside in a multifamily development described in
85 subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of this
86 section, (i) a tariff for the purchase of any energy at the rate established
87 by the authority pursuant to this section and any renewable energy
88 certificates generated by such renewable energy resource, on a cents-
89 per-kilowatt-hour basis, or (ii) a tariff for the purchase of any energy
90 produced and not consumed in a period of time established by the
91 authority and any renewable energy certificates generated by such
92 renewable energy resource, on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis. The
93 authority may establish and allow different tariff options for selection
94 by any low-income customer or any customer who resides in a
95 multifamily development described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of
96 subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of this section.

97 (2) On and after January 1, 2029, pursuant to the program established
98 under this section, each electric distribution company shall offer, for the
99 purchase of energy products and renewable energy certificates
100 generated from a distributed energy resource that emits no pollutants,
101 that is located on a customer's premises and that has a nameplate
102 capacity rating of twenty-five kilowatts or less per dwelling unit located
103 on such premises, for a term not to exceed twenty years: (A) A tariff for
104 the purchase of any energy at the rate established by the authority
105 pursuant to this section and any renewable energy certificates generated
106 by such renewable energy resource, on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis,
107 or (B) a tariff for the purchase of any energy produced and not
108 consumed in a period of time established by the authority and any
109 renewable energy certificates generated by such renewable energy
110 resource, on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis, provided to be eligible for
111 a tariff under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, a customer shall
112 have an annual household income not exceeding two hundred thousand

113 dollars.

114 (3) Any tariff offered pursuant to this section shall be subject to any
115 tariff terms, conditions or other stipulations of the authority, including,
116 but not limited to, stipulations regarding the capacity rights of the
117 distributed energy resource.

118 (e) To be eligible for program participation, a distributed energy
119 resource shall emit no pollutants and be sized to not exceed the annual
120 load at the customer's individual electric meter or, in the case of a
121 multifamily development described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of
122 subdivision (8) of subsection (a) of this section, the annual load of the
123 premises, from the electric distribution company providing service to
124 such customer, pursuant to any rules established by the authority and
125 as determined by such electric distribution company. For purposes of
126 this section, in the case of a multifamily development consisting of five
127 or more dwelling units, a distributed energy resource shall only qualify
128 for participation in the program if each dwelling unit receives an
129 appropriate share of the benefits from such energy resource and no
130 greater than an appropriate share of the benefits from such energy
131 resource is used to offset any energy usage attributable to a common
132 area in such development. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
133 shall initiate an uncontested proceeding to implement any distribution
134 of the benefits from the distributed energy resource necessary pursuant
135 to subsection (d) of this section or this subsection.

136 (f) The costs prudently and reasonably incurred by an electric
137 distribution company pursuant to this section shall be recovered on a
138 timely basis through a nonbypassable fully reconciling component of
139 electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any
140 net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with
141 any tariff offered pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers
142 through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of
143 such electric distribution company.

144 (g) For any tariff established pursuant to this section, the authority

145 shall examine and, at the authority's discretion, incorporate the
146 following into the rate established for any such tariff: (1) Incentives for
147 energy storage systems that provide electric distribution benefits,
148 provided any such incentives take into account incentives received
149 under section 16-243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
150 or other ratepayer-funded programs to ensure the incentives received
151 by participants in the aggregate provide benefits to all ratepayers, (2)
152 incentives concerning the location of a distributed energy source on the
153 electric distribution system in a manner that improves the reliability of
154 such system, and (3) other energy policy benefits identified in the
155 Integrated Resources Plan developed pursuant to section 16a-3a of the
156 general statutes and the Comprehensive Energy Strategy prepared
157 pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes and to further the
158 system efficiency and utilization goal established pursuant to section
159 16a-3v of the general statutes. Any such incentives or benefits may be
160 adjusted by the authority if such adjustment would enhance electric grid
161 reliability or benefit ratepayers, as determined by the authority.

162 (h) For tariff years commencing on and after January 1, 2028, the
163 target for the total aggregate procurement of energy products by electric
164 distribution companies pursuant to this section shall be set by the
165 authority pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of this act.

166 (i) The electric distribution companies shall continue to offer any
167 tariffs developed pursuant to this section until December 31, 2035. The
168 authority (1) shall establish tariffs for the purchase of energy on a cents-
169 per-kilowatt-hour basis for such energy, and (2) may establish a fixed
170 monthly charge for any energy that is consumed in real time by a
171 customer, effective upon the expiration of the term of any tariff
172 authorized pursuant to this section.

173 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) On or before August 1, 2026,
174 the authority shall initiate a proceeding to establish a successor program
175 to the Non-residential Renewable Energy Solutions Program
176 established pursuant to section 16-244z of the general statutes, as
177 amended by this act. In establishing such successor program, the

178 authority shall establish (1) a procurement plan for the electric
179 distribution companies and resulting tariffs for selected projects
180 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, (2) a price cap on a cents-per-
181 kilowatt-hour basis concerning any distributed energy resource selected
182 pursuant to this section, and (3) tariff terms and conditions consistent
183 with the requirements of this section. Any such tariff shall be for a term
184 not to exceed twenty years. The rate for such tariffs shall be established
185 by the solicitation pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. In such
186 proceeding, the authority shall consider the findings of the study of the
187 value of distributed energy resources conducted pursuant to section
188 16a-3o of the general statutes, the recommendations of the Integrated
189 Resources Plan developed pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general
190 statutes and the Comprehensive Energy Strategy developed pursuant
191 to section 16a-3d of the general statutes, the system efficiency and
192 utilization goal established pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general
193 statutes and the impact of Class I renewable energy sources on the
194 state's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to section
195 22a-200a of the general statutes. The authority shall issue a final order
196 in such proceeding on or before December 1, 2027.

197 (b) On and after January 1, 2028, not less than annually, each electric
198 distribution company shall jointly or individually solicit and file with
199 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for its approval one or more
200 projects selected resulting from any procurement issued pursuant to
201 this section that are consistent with the tariffs approved by the authority
202 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. For any such selected project,
203 the electric distribution company shall offer a tariff for the purchase of
204 all energy and renewable energy certificates generated at a rate
205 consistent with the procurement plan approved by the authority from a
206 distributed energy resource that emits no pollutants that (1) is located
207 on a customer's premises, (2) is not more than five megawatts in size,
208 and (3) serves the distribution system of an electric distribution
209 company, subject to any tariff terms, conditions or other stipulations of
210 the authority, including, but not limited to, the capacity rights of such
211 source. To be eligible for program participation, a distributed energy

212 resource shall be sized to not exceed the annual load at the customer's
213 individual electric meter or a set of electric meters, when such meters
214 are combined for billing purposes, as determined by the authority,
215 unless such customer is a state, municipal or agricultural customer. For
216 any state, municipal or agricultural customer, the distributed energy
217 resource shall be sized to not exceed the annual load at such customer's
218 individual electric meter or a set of electric meters at the same
219 customer's premises, when such meters are combined for billing
220 purposes, and the load of up to five state, municipal or agricultural
221 beneficial accounts, as defined in section 16-244u of the general statutes,
222 identified by such state, municipal or agricultural customer, and such
223 state, municipal or agricultural customer may include the load of up to
224 five additional nonstate or municipal beneficial accounts, as defined in
225 section 16-244u of the general statutes, when sizing such energy
226 resource, provided such accounts are critical facilities, as defined in
227 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 16-243y of the general
228 statutes, and are connected to a microgrid.

229 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,
230 state, municipal and agricultural customers shall be exempt from the
231 requirement that generation projects, including colocated energy
232 storage facilities connected with such projects, be located on a
233 customer's premises.

234 (d) For any tariff established pursuant to this section, the authority
235 shall examine, and incorporate, at the authority's discretion, the
236 following into the rate established for any such tariff: (1) Incentives for
237 energy storage systems that provide electric distribution benefits,
238 provided any such incentives take into account incentives received
239 under section 16-243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
240 or other ratepayer-funded programs to ensure the incentives received
241 by participants in the aggregate provide benefits to all ratepayers, (2)
242 incentives concerning the location of a distributed energy source on the
243 electric distribution system in a manner that improves the reliability of
244 such system, (3) preference for the development of distributed energy

245 projects in distressed municipalities, as defined in section 32-9p of the
246 general statutes, and on properties designated as brownfields, as
247 defined in section 32-760 of the general statutes, (4) incentives for the
248 development of solar canopy projects, and (5) other energy policy
249 benefits identified in the Comprehensive Energy Strategy prepared
250 pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes and the Integrated
251 Resources Plan prepared pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general
252 statutes and policies in furtherance of the system efficiency and
253 utilization goal established pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general
254 statutes. Any such incentives, preferences or benefits may be adjusted
255 by the authority if such adjustment would enhance electric grid
256 reliability or benefit ratepayers, as determined by the authority. The
257 authority shall set the price cap based on the electric system benefits
258 received by all ratepayers from the distributed energy resource,
259 equitable distribution of participant benefits, the Comprehensive
260 Energy Strategy adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general
261 statutes, the Integrated Resources Plan developed pursuant to section
262 16a-3a of the general statutes and the system efficiency and utilization
263 goal established pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general statutes.

264 (e) The authority shall follow the procedures established pursuant to
265 subsection (g) of section 16-245a of the general statutes for certificates
266 issued by the New England Power Pool Generation Information System
267 for any Class I renewable energy source purchased by an electric
268 distribution company pursuant to this section.

269 (f) The costs prudently and reasonably incurred by an electric
270 distribution company pursuant to this section shall be recovered on a
271 timely basis through a nonbypassable fully reconciling component of
272 electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any
273 net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with
274 any tariff offered pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers
275 through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of
276 such electric distribution company.

277 (g) For tariff years commencing on and after January 1, 2028, the

278 target for the total aggregate procurement of energy products by electric
279 distribution companies pursuant to this section shall be set by the
280 authority pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of this act.

281 (h) The electric distribution companies shall continue to offer any
282 tariffs developed pursuant to this section until December 31, 2035. The
283 authority (1) shall establish tariffs for the purchase of energy on a cents-
284 per-kilowatt-hour basis at the wholesale rate for such energy, and (2)
285 may establish a fixed monthly charge for any energy that is consumed
286 in real time by a customer, effective upon the expiration of the term of
287 any tariff authorized pursuant to this section.

288 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) On or before August 1, 2026,
289 the authority shall initiate a proceeding to establish the Community
290 Solar Program, which shall be the successor to the shared clean energy
291 facility program established pursuant to section 16-244z of the general
292 statutes, as amended by this act. In establishing such successor program,
293 the authority shall establish (1) a procurement plan for the electric
294 distribution companies and resulting tariffs for selected projects
295 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (2) a price cap on a cents-per-
296 kilowatt-hour basis concerning any shared clean energy facility selected
297 pursuant to this section, and (3) tariff terms and conditions consistent
298 with the requirements of this section. Any such tariff shall be for a term
299 not to exceed twenty years. The rate for such tariffs shall be established
300 by the solicitation pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The
301 authority shall issue a final order in such proceeding on or before
302 December 1, 2027.

303 (b) The Community Solar Program requirements shall include, but
304 need not be limited to, the following:

305 (1) The authority shall allow cost-effective shared clean energy
306 facility projects of various nameplate capacities, and may allow for the
307 construction of multiple such projects in the service area of each electric
308 distribution company that operates within the state.

309 (2) The authority shall determine the billing credit for any subscriber
310 of a shared clean energy facility that may be issued through the electric
311 distribution companies' monthly billing systems and establish
312 consumer protections for subscribers and potential subscribers of such
313 a facility, including, but not limited to, disclosures to be made when
314 selling or reselling a subscription.

315 (3) Such program shall utilize one or more tariff mechanisms with the
316 electric distribution companies for a term not to exceed twenty years,
317 subject to approval by the authority, to pay for the purchase of any
318 energy products and renewable energy certificates produced by any
319 eligible shared clean energy facility, or to deliver any billing credit of
320 any such facility.

321 (4) The authority shall limit subscribers of a shared clean energy
322 facility to low-income customers, and may give priority in program
323 participation to any low-income customer who has an arrearage with
324 such customer's electric distribution company. The authority may create
325 incentives or other financing mechanisms to encourage participation by
326 low-income customers.

327 (5) The authority shall require that each electric distribution company
328 submit a plan for the authority's approval concerning the enrollment of
329 subscribers to any shared clean energy facility in tariffs offered by the
330 electric distribution company. Such plans may include provisions for
331 automatically enrolling certain customers and opt-out provisions for
332 any such customers.

333 (c) On and after January 1, 2028, not less than annually, each electric
334 distribution company shall jointly or individually solicit and file with
335 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for its approval one or more
336 projects selected resulting from any procurement issued pursuant to
337 this section that are consistent with the tariffs approved by the authority
338 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section. For any such selected
339 project, the electric distribution company shall offer a tariff for
340 subscribers of a shared clean energy facility consistent with the program

341 requirements adopted by the authority. In establishing a price cap for
342 tariffs pursuant to this section, the authority shall set the price cap based
343 on the electric system benefits received by all ratepayers from the Class
344 I renewable energy source, equitable distribution of participant benefits,
345 the Comprehensive Energy Strategy adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d
346 of the general statutes, the Integrated Resources Plan developed
347 pursuant to section 16a-3a of the general statutes and the system
348 efficiency and utilization goal established pursuant to section 16a-3v of
349 the general statutes.

350 (d) For any tariff established pursuant to this section, the authority
351 shall examine, and incorporate, at the authority's discretion, the
352 following into the rate established for any such tariff: (1) Incentives for
353 energy storage systems that provide electric distribution benefits,
354 provided any such incentives take into account incentives received
355 under section 16-243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
356 or other ratepayer-funded programs to ensure the incentives received
357 by participants in the aggregate provide benefits to all ratepayers, (2)
358 incentives concerning the location of a distributed energy source on the
359 electric distribution system in a manner that improves the reliability of
360 such system, (3) preference for the development of distributed energy
361 projects in distressed municipalities, as defined in section 32-9p of the
362 general statutes, and on properties designated as brownfields, as
363 defined in section 32-760 of the general statutes, (4) incentives for the
364 development of solar canopy projects, and (5) other energy policy
365 benefits identified in the Integrated Resources Plan developed pursuant
366 to section 16a-3a of the general statutes and the Comprehensive Energy
367 Strategy prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d of the general statutes and
368 to further the system efficiency and utilization goal established
369 pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general statutes. Any such incentives,
370 preferences or benefits may be adjusted by the authority if such
371 adjustment would enhance electric grid reliability or benefit ratepayers,
372 as determined by the authority.

373 (e) The costs prudently and reasonably incurred by an electric

374 distribution company pursuant to this section shall be recovered on a
375 timely basis through a nonbypassable fully reconciling component of
376 electric rates for all customers of the electric distribution company. Any
377 net revenues from the sale of products purchased in accordance with
378 any tariff offered pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers
379 through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of
380 such electric distribution company.

381 (f) For tariff years commencing on and after January 1, 2028, the target
382 for the total aggregate procurement of energy products by electric
383 distribution companies pursuant to this section shall be set by the
384 authority pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of this act.

385 (g) The electric distribution companies shall continue to offer any
386 tariffs developed pursuant to this section until December 31, 2035. The
387 authority shall establish tariffs for the purchase of energy on a cents-per-
388 kilowatt-hour basis at the wholesale rate at the expiration of any tariff
389 terms authorized pursuant to this section. The authority may allow
390 subscriptions to continue beyond the tariff term established by the
391 authority.

392 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) For tariff years commencing
393 on and after January 1, 2028, the target for the total aggregate
394 procurement of energy products by electric distribution companies shall
395 be (1) one hundred eighty megawatts per year for programs established
396 pursuant to sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act, and (2) an aggregated
397 total of eighty-five million dollars per year for programs established
398 pursuant to sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act and section 16-243ee of
399 the general statutes, as amended by this act, accounting for the
400 compensation for energy, renewable energy certificates, energy
401 products or any combination thereof received by a participant. If the
402 target goals specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection
403 cannot be reconciled in any given year, the budgetary goal specified in
404 said subdivision (2) shall be given precedence by the authority. The
405 authority shall, within the budgetary and megawatt targets established
406 pursuant to this subsection, adopt an allocation methodology that

407 promotes the goal of reaching five hundred eighty megawatts of energy
408 storage deployed in the state pursuant to the provisions of section 16-
409 243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act, not later than
410 December 31, 2031. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a
411 solar photovoltaic system used in combination with an energy storage
412 system, where both such systems are located on a residential customer's
413 premises, shall not be counted by the authority towards the megawatt
414 procurement or budgetary targets set forth in this subsection.

415 (b) On or before January 1, 2028, the authority shall establish an initial
416 allocation of megawatts procured and budget expenditure on an annual
417 basis for the programs established pursuant to section 16-243ee of the
418 general statutes, as amended by this act, and sections 1 to 3, inclusive,
419 of this act in a manner that achieves the greatest benefits for all
420 ratepayers, furthers the system efficiency and utilization goal
421 established pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general statutes and
422 provides for an equitable distribution, as determined by the authority,
423 of benefits to program participants. The authority may adjust the
424 allocation of incentives, as needed, to achieve the goals of this section.

425 (c) On or before January 1, 2029, and annually thereafter through
426 January 1, 2035, the authority shall review the performance of each
427 program established pursuant to sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act and
428 section 16-243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
429 determine the annual allocation of such target procurements applicable
430 to each such program in accordance with the provisions of subsection
431 (a) of this section. The authority shall adopt a notice procedure
432 concerning any adjustments in allocations or incentives under such
433 programs that is designed to minimize potential disruption in program
434 enrollment.

435 (d) On and after January 1, 2028, the authority shall direct the electric
436 distribution companies to report to the authority, not less than monthly
437 and in a form and manner prescribed by the authority, any procurement
438 during the reporting period established by the authority.

439 (e) On and after January 1, 2028, not less than quarterly, for the
440 purpose of assessing progress toward the annual procurement target set
441 forth in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the authority
442 shall publish on the authority's Internet web site the total amount of
443 megawatts procured pursuant to each program established pursuant to
444 sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act in the previous quarter.

445 (f) The authority shall develop and implement a methodology for
446 monitoring the utilization and effectiveness of any procurements
447 authorized pursuant to sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act and section
448 16-243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

449 (g) On or before January 1, 2029, and annually thereafter until
450 January 1, 2036, the authority shall submit a report, in accordance with
451 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the
452 authority's analysis of program effectiveness and any recommendations
453 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
454 cognizance of matters relating to energy. Such report shall include, but
455 need not be limited to, an analysis of: (1) The number of megawatts and
456 individual projects participating in each program under the budget
457 target established in subsection (a) of this section within each territory
458 of each electric distribution company; (2) the total annual budget spend,
459 accounting for the entire incentive for energy, renewable energy
460 certificates, energy products or any combination thereof received by the
461 participant, including the credit received by shared clean energy facility
462 associated subscribers pursuant to section 3 of this act; (3) the ratepayer
463 impact of these programs on nonparticipants; (4) whether the programs
464 authorized pursuant to sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act and section
465 16-243ee of the general statutes, as amended by this act, (A) remained
466 within the budget target established in subsection (a) of this section, and
467 (B) advanced the energy storage megawatt deployment goal established
468 in said subsection (a), and, if not, any recommended legislative changes
469 to maintain cost certainty for such programs; and (5) whether and how
470 the projects participating in each program further the system efficiency
471 and utilization goal established pursuant to section 16a-3v of the general

472 statutes.

473 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 16-244z of the 2026 supplement to the
474 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
475 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

476 (c) (1) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
477 for procurement and tariff years commencing on and after January 1,
478 2025, the total megawatts available to customers eligible under
479 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall
480 not exceed one hundred megawatts per year and the total megawatts
481 available to customers eligible under subparagraph (B) of subdivision
482 (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed fifty megawatts per
483 year. The authority shall monitor the competitiveness of any
484 procurements authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and
485 may adjust the annual purchase amount established in this subsection
486 or other procurement parameters to maintain competitiveness. Any
487 megawatts not allocated in any given year shall roll into the next year's
488 available megawatts. The obligation to purchase energy and renewable
489 energy certificates shall be apportioned as determined by the authority.

490 (B) For procurement and tariff years commencing on and after
491 January 1, 2025, the authority may exceed the limits on total available
492 megawatts described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision for any
493 procurement and tariff program authorized pursuant to subsection (a)
494 of this section in any such year, if, during the period commencing on
495 January first and ending on the date that the last project is selected
496 pursuant to the usual procurement process for such program, as
497 determined by the authority, the aggregate dollar amount of
498 procurements of energy and renewable energy credits over the tariff
499 term for all selected projects does not exceed the aggregate dollar
500 amount of procurements of energy and renewable energy credits over
501 the tariff term for all projects selected in such program during the
502 calendar year 2024. The authority shall determine the manner of
503 exceeding such limits.

504 (C) [(i)] The electric distribution companies shall continue to offer any
505 tariffs developed pursuant to [subparagraph (B) of] subdivision (1) of
506 subsection (a) of this section [for six years, inclusive of previous years of
507 such procurement and tariff program. The sixth and final year of such
508 procurement and tariff program shall be the calendar year 2027] until
509 December 31, 2028, or until the authority has issued an order to the
510 electric distribution companies to offer tariffs pursuant to a successor
511 program approved by the authority, whichever is sooner.

512 [(ii) The electric distribution companies shall continue to offer any
513 tariffs developed pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of
514 subsection (a) of this section for eight years, inclusive of previous years
515 of such procurement and tariff program. The eighth and final year of
516 such procurement and tariff program shall be the calendar year 2027.]

517 (D) The electric distribution companies shall offer any tariffs
518 developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section [for six years] until
519 December 31, 2028, or until the authority has issued an order to the
520 electric distribution companies to offer tariffs pursuant to a successor
521 program approved by the authority, whichever is sooner. At the end of
522 the tariff term pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of
523 subsection (b) of this section, residential customers that elected the
524 option pursuant to said subparagraph shall be credited all cents-per-
525 kilowatt-hour charges pursuant to the tariff rate for such customer for
526 energy produced by the Class I renewable energy source against any
527 energy that is consumed in real time by such residential customer.

528 (E) The authority (i) shall establish tariffs for the purchase of energy
529 on a cents-per-kilowatt-hour basis, and (ii) may establish a fixed
530 monthly charge for any energy that is consumed in real time by such
531 customer, effective at the expiration of the term of any tariff [terms]
532 authorized pursuant to this section.

533 (2) The department, in consultation with the authority, shall assess
534 the tariff offerings pursuant to this section and determine if such
535 offerings are competitive compared to the cost of the technologies and

536 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, the results of such
537 determination to the General Assembly not later than January 15, 2027.

538 (3) For any tariff established pursuant to this section, the authority
539 shall examine how to incorporate the following energy system benefits
540 into the rate established for any such tariff: (A) Energy storage systems
541 that provide electric distribution benefits, (B) location of a facility on the
542 distribution system, (C) time-of-use rates or other dynamic pricing, and
543 (D) other energy policy benefits identified in the Comprehensive Energy
544 Strategy prepared pursuant to section 16a-3d.

545 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 16-243ee of the 2026 supplement to
546 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
547 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

548 (a) On or before January 1, 2022, the Public Utilities Regulatory
549 Authority shall initiate a proceeding to develop and implement one or
550 more programs, and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy
551 storage resources connected to the electric distribution system. The
552 authority shall establish (1) one or more programs for the residential
553 class of electric customers, and (2) one or more programs for commercial
554 and industrial classes of electric customers. The authority shall solicit
555 input from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,
556 the Connecticut Green Bank, the electric distribution companies and the
557 Office of Consumer Counsel in developing such programs. Any
558 program established by the authority pursuant to this section shall
559 terminate on December 31, 2035.

560 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Connecticut Green Bank shall,
561 within available appropriations, establish and administer a pilot
562 incentive program for residential solar customers who have participated
563 in any program established pursuant to the provisions of section 16-
564 245ff of the general statutes or section 16-244z of the general statutes, as
565 amended by this act, for the purpose of promoting the deployment of
566 energy storage systems, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes,
567 in residential use. The total expenditures under the pilot incentive

568 program established pursuant to this section shall not exceed two
569 million dollars. The program shall be designed to (1) offset costs to
570 ratepayers associated with the provision of credits for any electricity
571 generated from a Class I renewable energy source pursuant to section
572 16-243h of the general statutes by encouraging the storage of such
573 electricity behind a customer's meter for use by such customer, (2)
574 provide for the installation of such energy storage systems at no cost to
575 a program participant, and (3) give preference in program participation
576 to any household located in an environmental justice community, as
577 defined in section 22a-20 of the general statutes. The Connecticut Green
578 Bank may enter into an agreement with any contractor licensed in the
579 state to install such energy storage systems pursuant to program
580 guidelines adopted by the Connecticut Green Bank.

581 (b) On or before October 1, 2027, the Connecticut Green Bank shall
582 submit a report on the pilot program, including program data collected
583 during the program's duration, to the Public Utilities Regulatory
584 Authority.

585 (c) On or before February 1, 2028, the Public Utilities Regulatory
586 Authority shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
587 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
588 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy
589 and the environment, analyzing the impact of the program and
590 recommending whether to establish a permanent program in the state
591 and, if so, any legislation necessary to implement such program. The
592 pilot program shall terminate on February 1, 2028, or upon the
593 submission of the report required pursuant to this subsection,
594 whichever is sooner.

595 (d) (1) Upon the termination of the pilot program, a working group
596 shall be established to examine the results of the pilot program and
597 make recommendations concerning a successor program to the energy
598 storage program established pursuant to section 16-243ee of the general
599 statutes, as amended by this act.

600 (2) The working group shall consist of the following members:

601 (A) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
602 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
603 technology;

604 (B) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
605 the commissioner's designee;

606 (C) The Consumer Counsel, or the Consumer Counsel's designee; and

607 (D) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
608 the chairperson's designee.

609 (3) The chairpersons of the working group shall be the chairpersons
610 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
611 cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology. Such
612 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,
613 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the termination of the
614 pilot program pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

615 (4) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
616 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
617 technology shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

618 (5) Not later than one year after the working group is convened, the
619 working group shall submit a report on its findings and
620 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
621 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
622 technology, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
623 general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it
624 submits such report or one year after the working group is convened,
625 whichever is later.

626 Sec. 8. Section 7 of public act 24-38, as amended by section 59 of public
627 act 25-173, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
628 (*Effective from passage*):

629 (a) There is established a task force to examine and make
630 recommendations concerning policy, regulations and legislation to
631 improve disclosure requirements and consumer protection for
632 consumers who purchase, lease or enter into power purchase
633 agreements for solar photovoltaic systems. Such study shall include, but
634 need not be limited to, an examination of (1) licensing requirements for
635 contractors who engage in solar electricity work, as defined in section
636 20-330 of the general statutes, (2) whether special protections are
637 necessary for consumers who are low-income or senior citizens, and (3)
638 requirements concerning audits or other methods of ensuring such
639 contractors or persons engaged in the sale or lease of such systems
640 comply with applicable state laws and regulations.

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

642 (1) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
643 the commissioner's designee;

644 (2) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
645 the chairperson's designee;

646 (3) The Consumer Counsel, or the [Consumer Counsel's] counsel's
647 designee;

648 (4) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
649 designee;

650 (5) The president of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the president's
651 designee;

652 (6) Two appointed by the Governor, who shall be members of an
653 association that represents retailers of solar photovoltaic systems in the
654 state or retailers of solar photovoltaic systems in the state;

655 (7) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
656 one of whom shall have experience representing individuals in matters
657 related to consumer protection;

658 (8) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
659 whom shall have experience representing consumer groups, especially
660 in underserved communities;

661 (9) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
662 Representatives;

663 (10) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

664 (11) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
665 Representatives; and

666 (12) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

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

670 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
671 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force
672 from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall
673 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later
674 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

675 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
676 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
677 technology shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

678 (f) The task force shall develop a handbook for the purposes of
679 advising consumers on matters relating to home solicitation sales of
680 residential solar photovoltaic systems and residential energy storage
681 systems, including, but not limited to, solicitations made for the
682 purposes of such sales on an in-person basis at consumers' residences.
683 Such handbook shall, at a minimum, include guidance (1) that enables
684 consumers to assess the veracity of sales and marketing assertions made
685 regarding residential solar photovoltaic systems or residential energy
686 storage systems, (2) concerning the penalties applicable to residential

687 solar or energy storage sellers and such sellers' authorized sales
688 representatives under section 42-141 of the general statutes, and (3)
689 concerning any other matters the task force deems relevant for the
690 purposes of this subsection. Such handbook shall be made available on
691 the Internet web site of the Department of Consumer Protection, the
692 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and the Office of Consumer
693 Counsel.

694 [(f)] (g) Not later than [January 1, 2026] February 1, 2027, the task
695 force shall submit (1) a report on its findings and recommendations, and
696 (2) a copy of the handbook developed pursuant to subsection (f) of this
697 section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
698 cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology and general
699 law, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
700 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
701 report or [January 1, 2026] February 1, 2027, whichever is later.

702 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section,
703 "portable solar generation device" means a solar photovoltaic
704 generation device that (1) is not permanently affixed to a structure, (2)
705 has a maximum power output of not more than one thousand two
706 hundred watts, (3) is designed to be connected to a building's electrical
707 system through a standard one hundred twenty volt alternating current
708 outlet located behind a customer's electric meter, (4) is intended
709 primarily to offset part of the customer's electricity consumption, (5)
710 meets the requirements of the State Building Code, (6) meets the
711 requirements of the National Electric Code (NFPA-70) and the Institute
712 of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE 1547), (7) is certified by
713 Underwriters Laboratories in accordance with Standard Number 1741,
714 as amended from time to time, and (8) includes a device or feature that
715 prevents the system from energizing the building's electrical system
716 during a power outage.

717 (b) A portable solar generation device that meets the requirements of
718 this section shall be exempt from any requirement concerning
719 interconnection agreements imposed by any regulation adopted by the

720 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority or any decision of the authority,
721 provided not more than one such device may be used behind a
722 customer's electric meter. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
723 exempt any portable solar generation device from any applicable
724 provision of the State Building Code, the Fire Safety Code, the State Fire
725 Prevention Code or any provision of any local ordinance or regulation
726 applicable to such devices.

727 (c) No electric distribution company shall (1) require a customer
728 using a portable solar generation device to obtain the company's
729 approval before installing or using the system, pay any fee or charge
730 related to the system or install any additional controls or equipment
731 beyond what is integrated into the system, provided not more than one
732 such device may be used behind a customer's electric meter, or (2) be
733 liable for any damage or injury caused by a portable solar generation
734 device.

735 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The State Building Inspector
736 and the Codes and Standards Committee shall, jointly, with the
737 approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in
738 accordance with the provisions of section 29-252b of the general statutes,
739 consider in the amendments to the State Building Code next adopted
740 after the effective date of this section, and the State Fire Marshal and the
741 Codes and Standards Committee shall, in accordance with section 29-
742 292a of the general statutes, consider in the amendments to the State Fire
743 Safety Code next adopted after the effective date of this section,
744 provisions that ensure the safe installation of portable solar generation
745 devices, as defined in subsection (a) of section 9 of this act.

746 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

747 (1) "Agrivoltaics project" means the colocation of agricultural
748 operations and solar energy generation on the same land where (A) the
749 solar photovoltaic energy generating system will have a nameplate
750 capacity not exceeding one megawatt, (B) the configuration of such
751 system prioritizes agricultural operations, and (C) the agricultural

752 operations are part of a farm business that existed prior to the
753 installation of such system; and

754 (2) "Core forest" has the same meaning as provided in section 16a-3k
755 of the general statutes.

756 (b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Energy and
757 Environmental Protection shall develop and implement a program to
758 support the development of agrivoltaics projects in the state. The
759 commissioner shall prescribe a form and manner of application for any
760 person seeking to participate in the program. Such program shall
761 require, as conditions of approval, that:

762 (1) The applicant demonstrate that such project is to be located on
763 land that has not been cleared or otherwise converted from core forest
764 to another use in the five years preceding the application, provided this
765 provision may be waived if the commissioner, in consultation with the
766 Commissioner of Agriculture, determines that such clearing or
767 conversion and the development of an agrivoltaics project will have no
768 adverse environmental impact on the community in which such project
769 is to be located, and that such project will increase the reliability of the
770 electric grid in such community;

771 (2) The applicant provide a plan for stormwater management at the
772 site where such project is proposed to be located and obtain applicable
773 stormwater permitting for all construction activities disturbing one or
774 more acres;

775 (3) The applicant submit a plan detailing the proposed agricultural
776 use for the land upon which the proposed agrivoltaics project is
777 proposed to be located;

778 (4) The applicant provide, at the commissioner's request, a soil
779 analysis concerning the site at which such project is to be located;

780 (5) The commissioner determine that, based on any such soil analysis
781 or the analysis of the agricultural plan, the agrivoltaics project will be

782 viable for both the generation of energy and productive agricultural use;
783 and

784 (6) The commissioner determine that the installation of the solar
785 photovoltaic components used in the agrivoltaics project will not result
786 in the (A) unnecessary removal of topsoil from the site, (B) excessive
787 excavation in connection with the installation of foundations for solar
788 photovoltaic panel support structures or trenches for electrical wiring,
789 (C) disturbance of any wetlands or watercourse, as defined in chapter
790 440 of the general statutes, or (D) unnecessary removal of vegetation
791 from the site.

792 (c) On or before March 1, 2027, the commissioner shall develop a tariff
793 proposal including rates for energy generated by an agrivoltaics project
794 and any other terms or conditions the commissioner deems necessary to
795 implement the provisions of this section to the Public Utilities
796 Regulatory Authority. The proposed tariff shall provide that the electric
797 distribution companies and the Department of Energy and
798 Environmental Protection shall be entitled to recover all reasonable
799 costs and expenses prudently incurred for the implementation and
800 operation of the program through a reconciling component of electric
801 rates, as determined by the authority. The authority shall approve or
802 modify such tariff proposal submitted by the commissioner on or before
803 May 1, 2027.

804 (d) On or before July 1, 2027, the electric distribution companies shall
805 submit to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for review and
806 approval: (1) Any tariffs proposed pursuant to this section applicable to
807 an agrivoltaics project consistent with the program developed by the
808 commissioner; and (2) any proposal to recover costs associated with
809 administering the implementation and operation of the program
810 pursuant to this section.

811 (e) The owner or operator of any agrivoltaics project approved
812 pursuant to this section shall provide an annual report to the
813 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the

814 Commissioner of Agriculture, in a form and manner prescribed by the
815 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection in consultation
816 with the Commissioner of Agriculture, detailing agricultural yields,
817 livestock grazing or other agricultural activities in connection with such
818 project.

819 (f) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
820 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
821 general statutes, which establish procedures and guidelines necessary
822 to implement the provisions of this section.

823 Sec. 12. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

824 (1) "Distressed municipality" has the same meaning as provided in
825 section 32-9p of the general statutes;

826 (2) "Electric distribution company" has the same meaning as
827 provided in section 16-1 of the general statutes; and

828 (3) "Minority-owned business" has the same meaning as provided in
829 section 32-353 of the general statutes.

830 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall,
831 within available appropriations, and in consultation with the electric
832 distribution companies, establish a two-year pilot program to support
833 the installation of residential solar photovoltaic systems for residents of
834 distressed communities. The program shall be designed to provide for
835 the installation of such systems at low cost, or no cost, to one hundred
836 households located in any distressed municipality. The commissioner
837 may enter into an agreement with any contractor licensed in the state
838 pursuant to chapter 393 of the general statutes to install such systems
839 pursuant to the program and, notwithstanding any provision of chapter
840 58 of the general statutes to the contrary, may give priority in the
841 selection of any such contractor to a contractor that is a minority-owned
842 business.

843 (c) On or before December 1, 2028, the commissioner shall file a

844 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
845 statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
846 having cognizance of matters relating to energy and the environment
847 (1) analyzing the impact of the program, and (2) recommending whether
848 a permanent program should be established in this state and, if so, any
849 necessary legislation.

850 Sec. 13. Subsection (m) of section 16-245o of the general statutes is
851 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
852 *1, 2026*):

853 (m) On and after January 1, 2024, customers of electric distribution
854 companies who (1) are hardship cases for purposes of subdivision (3) of
855 subsection (b) of section 16-262c, (2) have arrearages deducted from
856 such customers' bills by the electric distribution company pursuant to
857 subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c, (3) receive other
858 financial assistance from an electric distribution company, or (4) are
859 otherwise protected by law from shutoff of electricity services, may
860 enroll with an electric supplier, provided [all customer contracts with
861 electric suppliers] any contract between a customer described in
862 subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection and an electric
863 supplier, for rates effective on and after January 1, 2024, shall be at or
864 below the standard service rate for the duration of [the contracts] any
865 such contract. Any billing system costs incurred by an electric
866 distribution company to comply with this section shall be recoverable
867 from all licensed electric suppliers. The authority may initiate a docket
868 to order all hardship customer contracts with electric suppliers, entered
869 into on and after a determined date, to comply with appropriate
870 limitations the authority deems necessary. If the authority issues such
871 an order, it shall reopen such docket not less than every two years for
872 the purpose of determining whether such order remains necessary.

873 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

874 (1) "Major incident" means any event at a facility described in
875 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the general statutes

876 that (A) requires an emergency shutoff of electricity flowing to or from
877 such facility due to a hazardous condition at such facility, (B) requires
878 any local emergency services personnel to respond to the site of such
879 facility, or (C) causes injury requiring hospitalization to any person; and

880 (2) "Minor incident" means any unanticipated or unplanned
881 shutdown of a facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
882 section 16-50i of the general statutes that does not require any local
883 emergency services personnel to respond to the site of such facility.
884 "Minor incident" does not include the shutdown of such facility in
885 connection with scheduled or routine maintenance.

886 (b) Any person who receives a certificate from the Connecticut Siting
887 Council to operate a facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection
888 (a) of section 16-50i of the general statutes shall report any major
889 incident or minor incident at such facility in a form and manner
890 prescribed by the council. Any major incident shall be reported not later
891 than five days after the occurrence of such incident, and any minor
892 incident shall be reported not later than thirty days after the occurrence
893 of such incident.

894 (c) Commencing on July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the
895 Connecticut Siting Council shall submit a report, in accordance with the
896 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, detailing any reports
897 the council has received pursuant to this section in the preceding year
898 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
899 cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology.

900 Sec. 15. Section 16-50l of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
901 is amended by adding subsections (i) and (j) as follows (*Effective October*
902 *1, 2026*):

903 (NEW) (i) In addition to the requirements of this section, the council
904 may, in the council's discretion, require that, as a condition of approval
905 for any facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section
906 16-50i, the applicant provide emergency services training specific to the

907 proposed facility, at the applicant's sole expense, to firefighters or other
908 emergency services personnel in any municipality in which such facility
909 shall be located. If the council imposes such a condition pursuant to this
910 subsection, the applicant shall provide notice of the availability of such
911 training to the chief executive officer and fire marshal of any
912 municipality in which such facility shall be located, as ordered by the
913 council. The chief executive officer or fire marshal shall respond in
914 writing to such notice not later than sixty days after the receipt of such
915 notice and indicate whether firefighters or other emergency services
916 personnel in the municipality request such training. If such training is
917 so requested, the applicant will arrange for such training to be provided
918 not later than sixty days after such request.

919 (NEW) (j) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency contact
920 person" means a person, including an entity or an organization,
921 designated by an applicant or certificate holder pursuant to this section,
922 who has authority to act on behalf of the applicant or certificate holder
923 in the event of an emergency at a facility described in subdivision (3) of
924 subsection (a) of section 16-50i. As a condition of approval under this
925 section, an applicant shall (A) designate an emergency contact person
926 for such facility, (B) provide the contact information for such emergency
927 contact person to the council and both the chief executive officer and the
928 local fire official of any municipality in which such facility is located,
929 and (C) post a sign at each entrance to such facility displaying the
930 contact information for such emergency contact person.

931 (2) Not later than January 1, 2027, any certificate holder that owns or
932 operates a facility described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
933 section 16-50i shall (A) designate an emergency contact person, (B)
934 provide the contact information for such emergency contact person, in
935 writing, to the council and both the chief executive officer and the local
936 fire official of any municipality in which such facility is located, and (C)
937 post a sign at each entrance to the facility displaying the contact
938 information for such emergency contact person.

939 (3) If the person, entity or organization designated as the emergency

940 contact person pursuant to this subsection has changed, or the contact
941 information for such emergency contact person has changed, the
942 applicant or certificate holder shall, not later than thirty days after such
943 change, (A) provide written notice of such change to the council and
944 both the chief executive officer and the local fire official of any
945 municipality in which such facility is located, and (B) update each sign
946 at the facility displaying the contact information for the emergency
947 contact person.

948 (4) Any person designated as an emergency contact person pursuant
949 to this subsection shall be available to respond to any emergency at such
950 facility not later than one hour after the occurrence of such emergency.
951 If an emergency contact person fails to timely respond in the event of an
952 emergency at such facility, any firefighter or other emergency services
953 personnel who attempted to contact the emergency contact person shall
954 file a written report with the council detailing such lack of response.

955 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than November
956 1, 2026, the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, in
957 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
958 Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council, shall convene a working
959 group within the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for the purpose
960 of reviewing and assessing any processes concerning the resumption of
961 electric generation services after a shutoff of such services at any facility
962 described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the
963 general statutes that exceeds five days. Such review and assessment
964 shall consider (1) any existing statutory, regulatory or contractual
965 processes governing the resumption of electric generation services
966 following an extended shutoff; (2) the adequacy of coordination among
967 electric generation facility owners or operators, electric distribution
968 companies, regional transmission organizations and state agencies; (3)
969 potential risks to public safety or electric grid reliability associated with
970 extended shutoffs and subsequent resumption of service; and (4) any
971 recommendations for statutory, regulatory or procedural changes to
972 improve transparency, coordination and safety upon the resumption of

973 such services.

974 (b) The working group shall include:

975 (1) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or
976 the chairperson's designee;

977 (2) The chairperson of the Connecticut Siting Council, or the
978 chairperson's designee;

979 (3) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
980 the commissioner's designee;

981 (4) The Consumer Counsel, or the counsel's designee;

982 (5) A local fire marshal from a municipality in which two or more
983 facilities described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i
984 of the general statutes are sited;

985 (6) One or more representatives from an electric distribution
986 company, as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes;

987 (7) One or more owners or operators of an electric generation facility
988 described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-50i of the
989 general statutes;

990 (8) A person employed by an institution of higher education in the
991 state, who has expertise in electrical engineering or any field related to
992 the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity; and

993 (9) Any other interested party the chairperson deems appropriate.

994 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, the chairperson of the Public
995 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall, in accordance with the provisions
996 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, submit a report on the efforts of
997 such working group and any recommendations to the joint standing
998 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
999 relating to energy and technology and public safety."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	16-244z(c)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	16-243ee(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	PA 24-38, Sec. 7
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	16-245o(m)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	16-50l(i) and (j)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section