

Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-90

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSULTANT AND PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

Title: FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Vote Date: 3/22/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Energy and Technology Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill allows the commissioner of DEEP to direct electric distribution companies to enter into power purchase agreements on behalf of their customers. Additionally, the bill allows certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation Information System for class 1 renewables to be sold into the NEPPGIS renewable energy credit market or retained by the distribution company to meet the renewable portfolio standards established in 16-245a. This is done in order to ensure that Connecticut will meet its clean energy goals. Substitute language was added setting a time limit for agreements. This time limit was set to be 20 years and was done in order to ensure that effected parties were not stuck in agreements for longer than necessary.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Dykes, Katie - Commissioner - DEEP

- Offers support for the bill, stating that it will allow DEEP to contribute to Connecticut's energy storage deployment goals. Offers a language change for Section 1 subsection (c) to ensure that agreements between utilities and storage developers take appropriate form.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Boggs, Julia - Manager of Regulatory Affairs - Key Capture Energy:

- Supports the bill, stating that they are encouraged by DEEP's continued interest in energy storage. Point out that progress towards Connecticut's clean energy goals has

been subverted by challenges faced by the Killingly Gas Plant. States their belief in energy storage offering a clean, dispatchable solution to meeting Connecticut's climate goals.

Canavan, Daniel - Vice President of Regulatory Affairs - UIL Holdings Corporation:

- States general support for the bill but believes that Section 1 subsection (c) is too broad in giving DEEP oversight over power purchase agreements as well as in that it does not include language regarding appropriate cost recovery mechanisms.

Greene, Len - Head of Government Affairs - FirstLight Power:

- Offers support for the bill but offers a language change to Section 1 subsection (c) for clarification.

Herb, Christian - President - CT Energy Marketers Association:

- Supports the provisions in the bill but believes it should be amended to require DEEP to hire a consultant with expertise in greenhouse gasses, regulated emissions, and the Energy Use in Technologies Model.

Lynch, Cary - Climate and Policy Manager - The Nature Conservancy:

- Offers support for the bill, stating that they view any bills which aim to increase battery storage technology favorably.

McDiarmid, Jeremy - VP, Policy and Government Affairs - NECEC:

- Offers general support for the bill, stating that they approve of giving DEEP additional oversight.

McLean, Amy - CT Senior Policy Advocate - Acadia Center

- Offers general support for the bill, stating that it will assist in making Connecticut a better place for its residents.

Pullaro, Francis - Executive Director - RENEW Northeast

- Supports the bill but offers potential language changes in the section regarding power purchase agreements.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Chatterjee, Diguanto - VP of System Planning - Eversource:

- Raises concerns with the bill, offering the following change to Section 1 subsection (c) "(c) The commissioner may direct the electric distribution companies to enter into power purchase agreements for energy, capacity, any transmission associated with such energy, or environmental attributes, or any combination thereof, associated with proposals selected pursuant to this section, for periods of not more than twenty years on behalf of all customers of the state's electric distribution companies."

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