



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 90

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT CONCERNING PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 16-243dd of the 2022 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in
5 consultation with the procurement manager identified in subsection (l)
6 of section 16-2 and the Office of Consumer Counsel, may issue requests
7 for proposals for energy storage projects connected at the transmission
8 or distribution level, including stand-alone energy storage projects and
9 energy storage projects paired with Class I renewable energy sources or
10 hydropower facilities that have a nameplate capacity rating of not more
11 than one hundred megawatts, that would achieve the goals in section
12 16-243cc in combination with programs established by the Public
13 Utilities Regulatory Authority. If the Commissioner of Energy and
14 Environmental Protection determines that procuring energy storage is
15 cost effective, the commissioner shall proceed with the selection of
16 proposals. In making this determination, the commissioner shall
17 publish and make available for public comment a cost-effectiveness test
18 that considers each applicable benefit provided by energy storage.

19 (b) In making any selection of such proposals, the commissioner shall
20 consider factors, including, but not limited to, (1) whether the proposal
21 is in the best interest of ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the
22 delivered price of such sources, (2) whether the proposal promotes
23 electric distribution system reliability, including during winter peak
24 demand, (3) any positive impacts on the state's economic development,
25 (4) whether the proposal is consistent with the requirements to reduce
26 greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-200a, and (5)
27 whether the proposal is consistent with the policy goals outlined in the
28 Comprehensive Energy Strategy adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d
29 and the Integrated Resources Plan adopted pursuant to section 16a-3a.
30 In considering whether a proposal has any positive impacts on the
31 state's economic development, the Commissioner of Energy and
32 Environmental Protection shall consult with the Commissioner of
33 Economic and Community Development.

34 (c) The commissioner may direct the electric distribution companies
35 to enter into agreements associated with proposals selected pursuant to
36 this section, for periods of not more than twenty years on behalf of all
37 customers of the state's electric distribution companies.

38 [(c)] (d) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be
39 subject to review and approval by the Public Utilities Regulatory
40 Authority, which review shall be completed not later than one hundred
41 twenty days after the date on which such agreement is filed with the
42 authority. The authority shall approve any such agreement if it is cost
43 effective and in the best interest of electric ratepayers. The net costs of
44 any such agreement, including costs incurred by the electric distribution
45 companies under the agreement and reasonable costs incurred by the
46 electric distribution companies in connection with the agreement, shall
47 be recovered through a fully reconciling component of electric rates for
48 all customers of electric distribution companies. Any net revenues from
49 the sale of products purchased in accordance with long-term contracts
50 entered into pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers
51 through the same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of

52 the contracting electric distribution company.

53 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) On or before January 15, 2023, the
54 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall submit a
55 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
56 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
57 having cognizance of matters relating to energy. Such report shall
58 include the impact on the environment due to the process of acquiring
59 the component materials of battery-storage technology and the disposal
60 of such technology after its useful life.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	16-243dd
Sec. 2	from passage	New section

ET Joint Favorable Subst.