



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 123

LCO No. 674



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY
AUTHORITY, THE REGULATION OF ELECTRIC RATES AND STATE
PUBLIC POLICY CONCERNING ELECTRICITY GENERATION.***

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Separate the Public
2 Utilities Regulatory Authority from the Department of Energy and
3 Environmental Protection; (2) provide the authority with the discretion
4 to make decoupling orders and determine a decoupling mechanism
5 pursuant to such orders that would benefit ratepayers and reduce
6 outages; (3) permit settlements of rate cases only if (A) the terms
7 conform with the principles in section 16-19e of the general statutes, (B)
8 the parties to the settlement appear before the authority to answer
9 questions about the settlement, and (C) the settlement is for a period not
10 longer than that of the underlying rate case; (4) reduce the public policy
11 charges embedded in electric rates or fund such public policies in the
12 state budget; (5) require that Combined Public Benefits Charge and the
13 Federally Mandated Congestion Charges be separated from Delivery
14 Charges on customer electric bills and combined into a new category

15 called "State Policy Charges"; (6) redefine "Class I renewable energy
16 source" to include trash-to-energy facilities, conventional hydropower
17 facilities, and nuclear power facilities and eliminate the "Class II
18 renewable energy source" category; and (7) create a task force to study
19 the procurement of standard service electricity contracts.

Statement of Purpose:

To lower the cost of energy for ratepayers in the state.