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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING A GREEN ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the
3 procurement manager identified in subsection (l) of section 16-2 of the
4 general statutes, the Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney
5 General, shall solicit proposals, in one solicitation or multiple
6 solicitations, from providers of energy derived from anaerobic
7 digestion.

8 (b) If the commissioner finds such proposals to be in the interest of
9 ratepayers, including, but not limited to, the delivered price of such
10 sources, and consistent with the requirements to reduce greenhouse
11 gas emissions in accordance with section 22a-200a of the general
12 statutes, and in accordance with the policy goals outlined in the
13 Comprehensive Energy Strategy, adopted pursuant to section 16a-3d
14 of the general statutes, the commissioner may select proposals from
15 such resources that have a total nameplate capacity rating of not more
16 than ten megawatts in the aggregate. The commissioner may, on behalf

17 of all customers of electric distribution companies, direct the electric
18 distribution companies to enter into power purchase agreements for
19 energy, capacity and environmental attributes, or any combination
20 thereof, for periods of not more than twenty years.

21 (c) Certificates issued by the New England Power Pool Generation
22 Information System procured by an electric distribution company
23 pursuant to this section may be: (1) Sold into the New England Power
24 Pool Generation Information System renewable energy credit market
25 to be used by any electric supplier or electric distribution company to
26 meet the requirements of section 16-245a of the general statutes,
27 provided the revenues from such sale are credited to electric
28 distribution company customers as described in this section; or (2)
29 retained by the electric distribution company to meet the requirements
30 of section 16-245a of the general statutes. In considering whether to sell
31 or retain such certificates, the company shall select the option that is in
32 the best interest of such company's ratepayers.

33 (d) Any such agreement shall be subject to review and approval by
34 the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, which review shall
35 commence upon the filing of the signed power purchase agreement
36 with the authority. The authority shall issue a decision on such
37 agreement not later than forty-five days after such filing. In the event
38 the authority does not issue a decision within forty-five days after such
39 agreement is filed with the authority, the agreement shall be deemed
40 approved.

41 (e) The net costs of any such agreement, including costs incurred by
42 the electric distribution company under the agreement and reasonable
43 costs incurred by the electric distribution company in connection with
44 the agreement, shall be recovered on a timely basis through a fully
45 reconciling component of electric rates for all customers of the electric
46 distribution company. Any net revenues from the sale of products
47 purchased in accordance with long-term contracts entered into
48 pursuant to this section shall be credited to customers through the
49 same fully reconciling rate component for all customers of the

50 contracting electric distribution company.

51 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office
52 of Policy and Management shall conduct a study to determine what
53 the return on investment to the state would be if the provisions of
54 section 16a-37u of the general statutes were fully implemented. Such
55 study shall include the projected return on investment.

56 (b) On or before January 1, 2020, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
57 and Management, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
58 statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted pursuant to
59 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the
60 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ET *Joint Favorable*

APP *Joint Favorable*