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(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Electric distribution company” means “electric distribution company” as defined in section 16-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

(2) “Department” means the department of public utility control.

(b) Each electric distribution company shall submit to the department no later than January 1, 1988, a plan for the maintenance of its facilities for the transmission and distribution of electric current.

(c) Each electric distribution company shall submit to the department an updated line maintenance plan no later than January 1, 1990 and January 1 of each even numbered year thereafter.

(d) The department may require any electric distribution company to submit an updated line maintenance plan at any time the department deems necessary in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section.

(e) Each such line maintenance plan shall include procedures and schedules for the inspection, testing, and maintenance, including clearances, of poles, wires, conduits or other fixtures along public highways or streets for the transmission or distribution of electric current, owned, operated, managed or controlled by such electric distribution company.

(f) The department shall prescribe and may update as necessary the required format and content of such line maintenance plans.

(g) The department shall require each electric distribution company to gather and report such data as the department deems necessary to evaluate the ongoing effectiveness and costs of each line maintenance plan.

(h) The department shall review each line maintenance plan and shall issue such orders as the department deems necessary to ensure the compliance of each electric distribution company with the provisions of this section.

(i) The department may, by its order, authorize such cutting and trimming and the keeping trimmed of any brush or trees or other elements of such plan the department finds necessary for the convenience of the public and the reliability of electric services. Authorization under this subsection shall be granted only after due notice and public hearing thereof, and such authorization shall be subject to the provisions of sections 16-234 and 16-235 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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