

## **Leveraging Partnership Project Collection of Model Statutes and Rules Protecting vulnerable Consumers from High Security Deposit Requirements. Jan 2008**

**CT has a statute** prohibiting electric distribution companies, gas and water public service companies and electric generators from charging security deposits of the poor:

Conn. General Statutes §16-262j(a): No public service company and no electric supplier shall refuse to provide electric, gas or water service to a residential customer based on the financial inability of such customer to pay a security deposit for such service. The Department of Public Utility Control shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

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### **Regulations**

**MA:** Similar residential deposit protections to those in CT statute are in the Massachusetts Regulatory Code : 220 Code of Mass Regs, Part 27

**Louisiana** has a PSC rule waiving initial utility credit and deposit requirements for victims of domestic violence.

LA PSC order in docket R-29900 In re: Credit and Deposit Requirements for Victims of Family Violence.

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