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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 309

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-42.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 42.5. **(a)** The commission shall by rule or order, consistent with the resources of the commission and the office of the utility consumer counselor, require that the basic rates and charges of all public, municipally owned, and cooperatively owned utilities (except those utilities described in ~~IC 8-1-2-61.5~~ **section 61.5 of this chapter**) are subject to a regularly scheduled periodic review and revision by the commission. However, the commission shall conduct the periodic review at least once every four (4) years and may not authorize a filing for an increase in basic rates and charges more frequently than is permitted by operation of section 42(a) of this chapter.

**(b) The commission shall make the results of the commission's most recent periodic review of the basic rates and charges of an electricity supplier (as defined in IC 8-1-2.3-2(b)) available for public inspection by posting a summary of the results on the commission's Internet web site. If an electricity supplier whose basic rates and charges are reviewed under this section maintains a publicly accessible Internet web site, the electricity supplier shall provide a link on the electricity supplier's Internet web site to the summary of the results posted on the commission's Internet web**

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SECTION 2. IC 8-1-2.4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-2014, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 2. (a) The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(b) "Alternate energy production facility" means:

- (1) ~~a~~ **any** solar, wind turbine, waste management, resource recovery, refuse-derived fuel, **organic waste biomass**, or wood burning facility;
- (2) any land, system, building, or improvement that is located at the project site and is necessary or convenient to the construction, completion, or operation of the facility; and
- (3) the transmission or distribution facilities necessary to conduct the energy produced by the facility to users located at or near the project site.

(c) "Cogeneration facility" means:

- (1) a facility that:
  - (A) simultaneously generates electricity and useful thermal energy; and
  - (B) meets the energy efficiency standards established for cogeneration facilities by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under 16 U.S.C. 824a-3;
- (2) any land, system, building, or improvement that is located at the project site and is necessary or convenient to the construction, completion, or operation of the facility; and
- (3) the transmission or distribution facilities necessary to conduct the energy produced by the facility to users located at or near the project site.

(d) "Electric utility" means any public utility or municipally owned utility that owns, operates, or manages any electric plant.

(e) "Small hydro facility" means:

- (1) a hydroelectric facility at a dam;
- (2) any land, system, building, or improvement that is located at the project site and is necessary or convenient to the construction, completion, or operation of the facility; and
- (3) the transmission or distribution facilities necessary to conduct the energy produced by the facility to users located at or near the project site.

(f) "Steam utility" means any public utility or municipally owned utility that owns, operates, or manages a steam plant.

(g) "Private generation project" means a cogeneration facility that has an electric generating capacity of eighty (80) megawatts or more



and is:

- (1) primarily used by its owner for the owner's industrial, commercial, heating, or cooling purposes; or
- (2) a qualifying facility for purposes of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 that ~~(A) is in existence on July 1, 2014; and (B)~~ produces electricity and useful thermal energy that is primarily used by a **single** host operation for industrial, commercial, heating, or cooling purposes **and is:**
  - (A) located on the same site as the host operation; or**
  - (B) determined by the commission to be a facility that:**
    - (i) satisfies the requirements of this chapter;**
    - (ii) is located on or contiguous to the property on which the host operation is sited; and**
    - (iii) is directly integrated with the host operation.**

SECTION 3. IC 8-1-2.4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 4. (a) Subject to section 5 of this chapter, the commission shall require electric utilities and steam utilities to enter into long term contracts to:

- (1) purchase or wheel electricity or useful thermal energy from alternate energy production facilities, cogeneration facilities, or small hydro facilities located in the utility's service territory, under the terms and conditions that the commission finds:
  - (A) are just and economically reasonable to the corporation's ratepayers;
  - (B) are nondiscriminatory to alternate energy producers, cogenerators, and small hydro producers; and
  - (C) will further the policy stated in section 1 of this chapter; and
- (2) provide for the availability of supplemental or backup power to alternate energy production facilities, cogeneration facilities, or small hydro facilities on a nondiscriminatory basis and at just and reasonable rates.

(b) Upon application by the owner or operator of any alternate energy production facility, cogeneration facility, or small hydro facility or any interested party, the commission shall establish for the affected utility just and economically reasonable rates for electricity purchased under subsection (a)(1). The rates shall be established at levels sufficient to stimulate the development of alternate energy production, cogeneration, and small hydro facilities in Indiana, and to encourage the continuation of existing capacity from those facilities.

(c) The commission shall base the rates for new facilities or new capacity from existing facilities on the following factors:

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(1) The estimated capital cost of the next generating plant, including related transmission facilities, to be placed in service by the utility.

(2) The term of the contract between the utility and the seller.

(3) A levelized annual carrying charge based upon the term of the contract and determined in a manner consistent with both the methods and the current interest or return requirements associated with the utility's new construction program.

(4) The utility's annual energy costs, including current fuel costs, related operation and maintenance costs, and any other energy-related costs considered appropriate by the commission.

**Until July 1, 1986, the rate for a new facility may not exceed eight cents (\$.08) per kilowatt hour.**

(d) The commission shall base the rates for existing facilities on the factors listed in subsection (c). However, the commission shall also consider the original cost less depreciation of existing facilities and may establish a rate for existing facilities that is less than the rate established for new facilities.

(e) In the case of a utility that purchases all or substantially all of its electricity requirements, the rates established under this section must be equal to the current cost to the utility of similar types and quantities of electrical service.

(f) In lieu of the other procedures provided by this section, a utility and an owner or operator of an alternate energy production facility, cogeneration facility, or small hydro facility may enter into a long term contract in accordance with subsection (a) and may agree to rates for purchase and sale transactions. A contract entered into under this subsection must be filed with the commission in the manner provided by IC 8-1-2-42.

(g) This section does not require an electric utility or steam utility to:

**(1) construct any additional facilities unless those facilities are paid for by the owner or operator of the affected alternate energy production facility, cogeneration facility, or small hydro facility;**

**or**

**(2) distribute, transmit, deliver, or wheel electricity from a private generation project.**

**(h) The commission shall do the following not later than November 1, 2018:**

**(1) Review the rates charged by electric utilities under subsection (a)(2) and section 6(e) of this chapter.**

**(2) Identify the extent to which the rates offered by electric**



**utilities under subsection (a)(2) and section 6(e) of this chapter:**

- (A) are cost based;**
  - (B) are nondiscriminatory; and**
  - (C) do not result in the subsidization of costs within or among customer classes.**
- (3) Report the commission's findings under subdivisions (1) and (2) to the interim study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications established by IC 2-5-1.3-4(8).**

**This subsection expires November 2, 2018.**

SECTION 4. IC 8-1-8.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2015, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 5. (a) As a condition for receiving the certificate required under section 2 of this chapter, the applicant shall file an estimate of construction, purchase, or lease costs in such detail as the commission may require.

(b) The commission shall hold a public hearing on each such application. The commission may consider all relevant information related to construction, purchase, or lease costs. A certificate shall be granted only if the commission has:

- (1) made a finding as to the best estimate of construction, purchase, or lease costs based on the evidence of record;
- (2) made a finding that either:
  - (A) the construction, purchase, or lease will be consistent with the commission's analysis (or such part of the analysis as may then be developed, if any) for expansion of electric generating capacity; or
  - (B) the construction, purchase, or lease is consistent with a utility specific proposal submitted under section 3(e)(1) of this chapter and approved under subsection (d). However, if the commission has developed, in whole or in part, an analysis for the expansion of electric generating capacity and the applicant has filed and the commission has approved under subsection (d) a utility specific proposal submitted under section 3(e)(1) of this chapter, the commission shall make a finding under this clause that the construction, purchase, or lease is consistent with the commission's analysis, to the extent developed, and that the construction, purchase, or lease is consistent with the applicant's plan under section 3(e)(1) of this chapter, to the extent the plan was approved by the commission;
- (3) made a finding that the public convenience and necessity require or will require the construction, purchase, or lease of the

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facility;

(4) made a finding that the facility, if it is a coal-consuming facility, utilizes Indiana coal or is justified, because of economic considerations or governmental requirements, in using non-Indiana coal; and

(5) made the findings under subsection (e), if applicable.

(c) If:

(1) the commission grants a certificate under this chapter based upon a finding under subsection (b)(2) that the construction, purchase, or lease of a generating facility is consistent with the commission's analysis for the expansion of electric generating capacity; and

(2) a court finally determines that the commission analysis is invalid;

the certificate shall remain in full force and effect if the certificate was also based upon a finding under subsection (b)(2) that the construction, purchase, or lease of the facility was consistent with a utility specific plan submitted under section 3(e)(1) of this chapter and approved under subsection (d).

(d) The commission shall consider and approve, in whole or in part, or disapprove a utility specific proposal or an amendment thereto jointly with an application for a certificate under this chapter. However, such an approval or disapproval shall be solely for the purpose of acting upon the pending certificate for the construction, purchase, or lease of a facility for the generation of electricity.

(e) This subsection applies if an applicant proposes to construct a facility with a generating capacity of more than eighty (80) megawatts. Before granting a certificate to the applicant, the commission:

(1) must, in addition to the findings required under subsection (b), find that:

**(A)** the estimated costs of the proposed facility are, to the extent commercially practicable, the result of competitively bid engineering, procurement, or construction contracts, as applicable; and

**(B) if the applicant is an electricity supplier (as defined in IC 8-1-37-6), the applicant allowed or will allow third parties to submit firm and binding bids for the construction of the proposed facility on behalf of the applicant that met or meet all of the technical, commercial, and other specifications required by the applicant for the proposed facility so as to enable ownership of the proposed facility to vest with the applicant not later than the date on**



**which the proposed facility becomes commercially available; and**

(2) shall also consider the following factors:

(A) Reliability.

(B) Solicitation by the applicant of competitive bids to obtain purchased power capacity and energy from alternative suppliers.

The applicant, including an affiliate of the applicant, may participate in competitive bidding described in this subsection.

SECTION 5. IC 8-1-8.5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2013, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: Sec. 7. The certification requirements of this chapter do not apply to ~~persons who~~: **a person that:**

(1) ~~construct~~ **constructs** an electric generating facility primarily for that person's own use and not for the primary purpose of producing electricity, heat, or steam for sale to or for the public for compensation;

(2) ~~construct~~ **constructs** an alternate energy production facility, cogeneration facility, or a small hydro facility that complies with the limitations set forth in IC 8-1-2.4-5; ~~or~~

(3) ~~are~~ **is** a municipal utility, including a joint agency created under IC 8-1-2.2-8, and ~~install~~ **installs** an electric generating facility that has a capacity of ten thousand (10,000) kilowatts or less; ~~or~~

**(4) is a public utility and:**

**(A) installs a clean energy project described in IC 8-1-8.8-2(2) that is approved by the commission and that:**

**(i) uses a clean energy resource described in IC 8-1-37-4(a)(1), IC 8-1-37-4(a)(2), or IC 8-1-37-4(a)(5); and**

**(ii) has a nameplate capacity of not more than fifty thousand (50,000) kilowatts; and**

**(B) uses a contractor that:**

**(i) is subject to Indiana unemployment taxes; and**

**(ii) is selected by the public utility through bids solicited in a competitive procurement process;**

**in the engineering, procurement, or construction of the project.**

However, ~~those persons~~ **a person described in this section** shall, nevertheless, be required to report to the commission the proposed construction of such a facility before beginning construction of the



facility.

SECTION 6. IC 8-1-40 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]:

**Chapter 40. Distributed Generation**

**Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana utility regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2.

**Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "customer" means a person that receives retail electric service from an electricity supplier.

**Sec. 3. (a)** As used in this chapter, "distributed generation" means electricity produced by a generator or other device that is:

- (1) located on the customer's premises;
- (2) owned by the customer;
- (3) sized at a nameplate capacity of the lesser of:
  - (A) not more than one (1) megawatt; or
  - (B) the customer's average annual consumption of electricity on the premises; and
- (4) interconnected and operated in parallel with the electricity supplier's facilities in accordance with the commission's approved interconnection standards.

**(b)** The term does not include electricity produced by the following:

- (1) An electric generator used exclusively for emergency purposes.
- (2) A net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) operating under a net metering tariff.

**Sec. 4. (a)** As used in this chapter, "electricity supplier" means a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1) that furnishes retail electric service to customers in Indiana.

**(b)** The term does not include a utility that is:

- (1) a municipally owned utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1(h));
- (2) a corporation organized under IC 8-1-13; or
- (3) a corporation organized under IC 23-17 that is an electric cooperative and that has at least one (1) member that is a corporation organized under IC 8-1-13.

**Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "excess distributed generation" means the difference between:

- (1) the electricity that is supplied by an electricity supplier to a customer that produces distributed generation; and
- (2) the electricity that is supplied back to the electricity supplier by the customer.

**Sec. 6.** As used in this chapter, "marginal price of electricity"





means the hourly market price for electricity as determined by a regional transmission organization of which the electricity supplier serving a customer is a member.

**Sec. 7.** As used in this chapter, "net metering tariff" means a tariff that:

- (1) an electricity supplier offers for net metering under 170 IAC 4-4.2; and
- (2) is in effect on January 1, 2017.

**Sec. 8.** As used in this chapter, "premises" means a single tract of land on which a customer consumes electricity for residential, business, or other purposes.

**Sec. 9.** As used in this chapter, "regional transmission organization" has the meaning set forth in IC 8-1-37-9.

**Sec. 10.** Subject to sections 13 and 14 of this chapter, a net metering tariff of an electricity supplier must remain available to the electricity supplier's customers until the earlier of the following:

- (1) January 1 of the first calendar year after the calendar year in which the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate capacity under the electricity supplier's net metering tariff equals at least one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the most recent summer peak load of the electricity supplier.
- (2) July 1, 2022.

Before July 1, 2022, if an electricity supplier reasonably anticipates, at any point in a calendar year, that the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate capacity under the electricity supplier's net metering tariff will equal at least one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the most recent summer peak load of the electricity supplier, the electricity supplier shall, in accordance with section 16 of this chapter, petition the commission for approval of a rate for the procurement of excess distributed generation.

**Sec. 11. (a)** Except as provided in sections 12 and 21(b) of this chapter, before July 1, 2047:

- (1) an electricity supplier may not seek to change the terms and conditions of the electricity supplier's net metering tariff; and
- (2) the commission may not approve changes to an electricity supplier's net metering tariff.

**(b)** Except as provided in sections 13 and 14 of this chapter, after June 30, 2022:



- (1) an electricity supplier may not make a net metering tariff available to customers; and
- (2) the terms and conditions of a net metering tariff offered by an electricity supplier before July 1, 2022, expire and are unenforceable.

**Sec. 12. (a)** Before January 1, 2018, the commission shall amend 170 IAC 4-4.2-4, and an electricity supplier shall amend the electricity supplier's net metering tariff, to do the following:

- (1) Increase the allowed limit on the aggregate amount of net metering facility nameplate capacity under the net metering tariff to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the most recent summer peak load of the electricity supplier.
- (2) Modify the required reservation of capacity under the limit described in subdivision (1) to require the reservation of:
  - (A) forty percent (40%) of the capacity for participation by residential customers; and
  - (B) fifteen percent (15%) of the capacity for participation by customers that install a net metering facility that uses a renewable energy resource described in IC 8-1-37-4(a)(5).

(b) In amending 170 IAC 4-4.2-4, as required by subsection (a), the commission may adopt emergency rules in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the commission under this section and in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the commission under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

**Sec. 13. (a)** This section applies to a customer that installs a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) on the customer's premises:

- (1) after December 31, 2017; and
- (2) before the date on which the net metering tariff of the customer's electricity supplier terminates under section 10(1) or 10(2) of this chapter.

(b) A customer that is participating in an electricity supplier's net metering tariff on the date on which the electricity supplier's net metering tariff terminates under section 10(1) or 10(2) of this chapter shall continue to be served under the terms and conditions of the net metering tariff until:

- (1) the customer removes from the customer's premises or replaces the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)); or



(2) July 1, 2032;  
whichever occurs earlier.

(c) A successor in interest to a customer's premises on which a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) that was installed during the period described in subsection (a) is located may, if the successor in interest chooses, be served under the terms and conditions of the net metering tariff of the electricity supplier that provides retail electric service at the premises until:

(1) the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) is removed from the premises or is replaced; or

(2) July 1, 2032;  
whichever occurs earlier.

Sec. 14. (a) This section applies to a customer that installs a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) on the customer's premises before January 1, 2018.

(b) A customer that is participating in an electricity supplier's net metering tariff on December 31, 2017, shall continue to be served under the terms and conditions of the net metering tariff until:

(1) the customer removes from the customer's premises or replaces the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)); or

(2) July 1, 2047;  
whichever occurs earlier.

(c) A successor in interest to a customer's premises on which is located a net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) that was installed before January 1, 2018, may, if the successor in interest chooses, be served under the terms and conditions of the net metering tariff of the electricity supplier that provides retail electric service at the premises until:

(1) the net metering facility (as defined in 170 IAC 4-4.2-1(k)) is removed from the premises or is replaced; or

(2) July 1, 2047;  
whichever occurs earlier.

Sec. 15. An electricity supplier shall procure the excess distributed generation produced by a customer at a rate approved by the commission under section 17 of this chapter. Amounts credited to a customer by an electricity supplier for excess distributed generation shall be recognized in the electricity supplier's fuel adjustment proceedings under IC 8-1-2-42.

Sec. 16. Not later than March 1, 2021, an electricity supplier shall file with the commission a petition requesting a rate for the



procurement of excess distributed generation by the electricity supplier. After an electricity supplier's initial rate for excess distributed generation is approved by the commission under section 17 of this chapter, the electricity supplier shall submit on an annual basis, not later than March 1 of each year, an updated rate for excess distributed generation in accordance with the methodology set forth in section 17 of this chapter.

Sec. 17. The commission shall review a petition filed under section 16 of this chapter by an electricity supplier and, after notice and a public hearing, shall approve a rate to be credited to participating customers by the electricity supplier for excess distributed generation if the commission finds that the rate requested by the electricity supplier was accurately calculated and equals the product of:

- (1) the average marginal price of electricity paid by the electricity supplier during the most recent calendar year; multiplied by
- (2) one and twenty-five hundredths (1.25).

Sec. 18. An electricity supplier shall compensate a customer from whom the electricity supplier procures excess distributed generation (at the rate approved by the commission under section 17 of this chapter) through a credit on the customer's monthly bill. Any excess credit shall be carried forward and applied against future charges to the customer for as long as the customer receives retail electric service from the electricity supplier at the premises.

Sec. 19. (a) To ensure that customers that produce distributed generation are properly charged for the costs of the electricity delivery system through which an electricity supplier:

- (1) provides retail electric service to those customers; and
- (2) procures excess distributed generation from those customers;

the electricity supplier may request approval by the commission of the recovery of energy delivery costs attributable to serving customers that produce distributed generation.

(b) The commission may approve a request for cost recovery submitted by an electricity supplier under subsection (a) if the commission finds that the request:

- (1) is reasonable; and
- (2) does not result in a double recovery of energy delivery costs from customers that produce distributed generation.

Sec. 20. (a) An electricity supplier shall provide and maintain the metering equipment necessary to carry out the procurement of



excess distributed generation from customers in accordance with this chapter.

(b) The commission shall recognize in the electricity supplier's basic rates and charges an electricity supplier's reasonable costs for the metering equipment required under subsection (a).

Sec. 21. (a) Subject to subsection (b) and sections 10 and 11 of this chapter, after June 30, 2017, the commission's rules and standards set forth in:

- (1) 170 IAC 4-4.2 (concerning net metering); and
- (2) 170 IAC 4-4.3 (concerning interconnection);

remain in effect and apply to net metering under an electricity supplier's net metering tariff and to distributed generation under this chapter.

(b) After June 30, 2017, the commission may adopt changes under IC 4-22-2, including emergency rules in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1, to the rules and standards described in subsection (a) only as necessary to:

- (1) update fees or charges;
- (2) adopt revisions necessitated by new technologies; or
- (3) reflect changes in safety, performance, or reliability standards.

Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the commission under this subsection and in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the commission under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

Sec. 22. A customer that produces distributed generation shall comply with applicable safety, performance, and reliability standards established by the following:

- (1) The commission.
- (2) An electricity supplier, subject to approval by the commission.
- (3) The National Electric Code.
- (4) The National Electrical Safety Code.
- (5) The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
- (6) Underwriters Laboratories.
- (7) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- (8) Local regulatory authorities.

Sec. 23. (a) A customer that produces distributed generation has the following rights regarding the installation and ownership of distributed generation equipment:

- (1) The right to know that the attorney general is authorized



to enforce this section, including by receiving complaints concerning the installation and ownership of distributed generation equipment.

(2) The right to know the expected amount of electricity that will be produced by the distributed generation equipment that the customer is purchasing.

(3) The right to know all costs associated with installing distributed generation equipment, including any taxes for which the customer is liable.

(4) The right to know the value of all federal, state, or local tax credits or other incentives or rebates that the customer may receive.

(5) The right to know the rate at which the customer will be credited for electricity produced by the customer's distributed generation equipment and delivered to a public utility (as defined in IC 8-1-2-1).

(6) The right to know if a provider of distributed generation equipment insures the distributed generation equipment against damage or loss and, if applicable, any circumstances under which the provider does not insure against or otherwise cover damage to or loss of the distributed generation equipment.

(7) The right to know the responsibilities of a provider of distributed generation equipment with respect to installing or removing distributed generation equipment.

(b) The attorney general, in consultation with the commission, shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that the attorney general considers necessary to implement and enforce this section, including a rule requiring written disclosure of the rights set forth in subsection (a) by a provider of distributed generation equipment to a customer. In adopting the rules required by this subsection, the attorney general may adopt emergency rules in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1. Notwithstanding IC 4-22-2-37.1(g), an emergency rule adopted by the attorney general under this subsection and in the manner provided by IC 4-22-2-37.1 expires on the date on which a rule that supersedes the emergency rule is adopted by the attorney general under IC 4-22-2-24 through IC 4-22-2-36.

SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017] (a) As used in this SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "committee" refers to the interim



study committee on energy, utilities, and telecommunications established by IC 2-5-1.3-4(8).

(c) The legislative council is urged to assign to the committee during the 2017 legislative interim the topic of self-generation of electricity by school corporations.

(d) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to the committee, the committee may:

(1) consider, as part of its study:

(A) use of self-generation of electricity by school corporations;

(B) funding of self-generation of electricity by school corporations; and

(C) any other matter concerning self-generation of electricity by school corporations that the committee considers appropriate; and

(2) request information from:

(A) the Indiana utility regulatory commission;

(B) school corporations; and

(C) any experts, stakeholders, or other interested parties; concerning the issues set forth in subdivision (1).

(e) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to the committee, the committee shall issue a final report to the legislative council containing the committee's findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation concerning the topic described in subsection (c) or the specific issues described in subsection (d)(1), in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2017.

(f) This SECTION expires December 31, 2017.



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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