

1 SENATE BILL 226

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO UTILITIES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE EFFICIENT USE
12 OF ENERGY ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT WATER USE IN UTILITIES'
13 POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. Section 62-17-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
17 Chapter 341, Section 10) is amended to read:

18 "62-17-10. INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING.--Pursuant to the
19 commission's rulemaking authority, public utilities supplying
20 electric or natural gas service to customers shall periodically
21 file an integrated resource plan with the commission. Utility
22 integrated resource plans shall evaluate renewable energy,
23 energy efficiency, including water use efficiency, load
24 management, distributed generation and conventional supply-side
25 resources on a consistent and comparable basis and take into

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1 consideration risk and uncertainty of fuel supply, price
2 volatility and costs of anticipated environmental regulations
3 in order to identify the most cost-effective portfolio of
4 resources to supply the energy needs of customers. The
5 analysis of water use efficiency shall include a consideration
6 of impacts to water quality, including thermal loading, and a
7 quantification of consumptive use of water resources. The
8 preparation of resource plans shall incorporate a public
9 advisory process. Nothing in this section shall prohibit
10 public utilities from implementing cost-effective energy
11 efficiency and load management programs and the commission from
12 approving public utility expenditures on energy efficiency
13 programs and load management programs prior to the commission
14 establishing rules and guidelines for integrated resource
15 planning. The commission may exempt public utilities with
16 fewer than five thousand customers and distribution-only public
17 utilities from the requirements of this section. The
18 commission shall take into account a public utility's resource
19 planning requirements in other states and shall authorize
20 utilities that operate in multiple states to implement plans
21 that coordinate the applicable state resource planning
22 requirements. The requirements of this section shall take
23 effect one year following the commission's adoption of rules
24 implementing the provisions of this section."