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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 853

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Public Service Commission –**” and substitute “**Public Utilities –**”; in the same line, after “**Siting**” insert “**and Electricity Demand**”; in the same line, after “**Limitations**” insert “**and Reporting Requirements**”; in line 5, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring each electric company to submit a certain report on electricity demand to the Commission each year;”; in the same line, after “lines” insert “and electricity demand”; in line 13, after “7–207(h)” insert “and 7–802.1”; and in line 18, after “7–207(h)” insert “and 7–802”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 34 insert:

“7–802.

(A) On or before December 1, 2024, and each December 1 thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly with information regarding the current status of projects designed to promote the goals identified in this section, including information on planning processes and implementation that promote, as specific goals, the following:

(1) measures to decrease greenhouse gas emissions incident to electric distribution, including high levels of distributed energy resources and electric vehicles;

(2) giving priority to vulnerable communities in the development of distributed energy resources and electric vehicle infrastructure;

- (3) energy efficiency;
- (4) meeting anticipated increases in load;
- (5) incorporation of energy storage technology as appropriate and prudent to:
  - (i) support efficiency and reliability of the electric system; and
  - (ii) provide additional capacity to accommodate increased distributed renewable electricity generation in connection with electric transmission and distribution system modernization;
- (6) efficient management of load variability;
- (7) electric system resiliency and reliability;
- (8) bidirectional power flows;
- (9) demand response and other nonwire and noncapital alternatives;
- (10) increased use of distributed energy resources, including electric vehicles;
- (11) transparent stakeholder participation in ongoing electric system planning processes; and
- (12) any other issues the Commission considers appropriate.

**(B) BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2025, THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE ELECTRIC COMPANY REPORTS**

SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION UNDER § 7-802.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE IN THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

7-802.1.

ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER, EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON HOW THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IS ADDRESSING GROWING ELECTRICITY DEMAND AND PROJECTS RELATED TO MEETING THAT DEMAND, INCLUDING:

- (1) THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S FORECASTED LOAD GROWTH;
- (2) THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S ASSESSMENT OF WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MEET THE FORECASTED LOAD;
- (3) THE AREAS FROM WHICH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY ANTICIPATES THE EXPECTED INCREASED DEMAND TO COME, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF INCREASED DEMAND EXPECTED IN THOSE AREAS;
- (4) THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PLANS TO MEET GROWING ELECTRICITY DEMAND;
- (5) ANTICIPATED IMPACTS OF FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS ON ELECTRICITY DEMAND AND FORECASTED LOAD;
- (6) THE ELECTRIC COMPANY'S USE OF DEMAND RESPONSE PRACTICES;

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**(7) A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF ANY INITIATIVES THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IS TAKING TO CONNECT TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES AT THE DISTRIBUTION LEVEL TO REDUCE STRESS ON THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND**

**(8) A LIST OF PROJECTS THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IS WORKING ON THAT REQUIRE APPROVAL BY PJM INTERCONNECTION, LLC.”**