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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Public service commission - electricity reliability.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; requiring the public
2 service commission to establish standards related to
3 electricity reliability; specifying that failing to comply
4 with standards is subject to penalties; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-18-102(a)(v)(A) and (C) is amended

10 to read:

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1 **37-18-102. Energy generation portfolio standards;**
2 **reporting requirements; rate recovery and limitations.**

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4 (a) Consistent with the objective of ensuring Wyoming
5 electric utilities maintain access to reliable and cost
6 effective electric generation resources, the public service
7 commission shall establish by rule energy portfolio
8 standards that will maximize the use of dispatchable and
9 reliable low-carbon electricity. In establishing standards,
10 the commission:

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12 (v) Shall for each public utility:

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14 (A) Establish baseline standards for
15 electric reliability ~~to~~ in Wyoming. The standards
16 established under this subparagraph may include limits on
17 outages and shall ensure that new or expanded intermittent
18 generation resources do not unreasonably diminish power
19 quality or increase momentary outages across a utility's
20 service territory or in any particular location;

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22 (C) Require the utility to take any steps
23 the commission deems reasonably necessary to maintain

1 reasonable levels of electric reliability and power
2 quality. If a utility fails to meet the reliability
3 standards established under subparagraph (A) of this
4 paragraph, the violation shall be subject to the penalty
5 provisions provided in W.S. 37-12-201. An action to recover
6 for any loss, damage or injury caused by the failure of a
7 utility to meet the reliability standards established under
8 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph may be brought as
9 provided in W.S. 37-12-208.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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