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

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

Section 1. W.S. 37-18-102(a)(v)(A) and (C) is amended to read:
37-18-102. Energy generation portfolio standards; reporting requirements; rate recovery and limitations.

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

(v) Shall for each public utility:

(A) Not later than December 15, 2024, establish baseline standards for electric reliability related to adequate dispatchable power in Wyoming. The standards established under this subparagraph may include limits on outages and shall ensure that new or expanded intermittent generation resources do not unreasonably diminish power quality or increase momentary outages across a utility's service territory or in any particular location;
(C) Require the utility to take any steps the commission deems reasonably necessary to maintain reasonable levels of electric reliability and power quality. **If a utility fails to meet the reliability standards established under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the violation shall be subject to the penalty provisions provided in W.S. 37-12-201.**

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