HOUSE BILL NO.

Public service commission-integrated resource plans.

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

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to public utilities; providing for the review of integrated resource plan action plans by the public service commission; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 37-2-135 is created to read:

(a) The commission shall engage in long-range planning regarding public utility regulatory policy in order to facilitate the well-planned development and conservation of utility resources. Pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall require each affected electrical utility to file any action plan developed as part of the affected electrical utility's integrated resource plan to enable the commission to review and provide guidance to the affected electrical utility.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules providing a process for the review and acknowledgement of an action plan and integrated resource plan under subsection (a) of this section. The rules shall:

(i) Provide that the review shall be conducted in accordance with the commission's rules of contested case practice and procedures;

(ii) Require the commission to determine whether the action plan and integrated resource plan should be acknowledged;
(iii) Authorize the commission to provide guidance to the affected electrical utility regarding the action plan and integrated resource plan;

(iv) Specify that acknowledgment of an action plan and integrated resource plan does not include a determination of prudence or a presumption of rate recovery;

(v) Specify that the affected electrical utility is permitted flexibility to make changes in an action plan between the periodic filings of the affected electrical utility's integrated resource plan.

(c) As used in this section:

(i) "Affected electrical utility" means a public utility with at least X (X) retail electric customers in the state;

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STAFF COMMENT
This bill is based on Utah Code 54-17-301 which applies to an "affected electric utility" defined as an electrical
corporation with at least 200,000 retail customers in the state.

The Committee may wish to determine an alternative number of customers or use a different definition of what constitutes an affected electric utility.

(ii) "Integrated resource plan" means a plan that contains:

(A) The demand and energy forecast by the affected electrical utility for not less than a ten (10) year period;

(B) The affected electrical utility's options for meeting the requirements shown in its load and resource forecast in an economic and reliable manner, including:

(I) Demand-side and supply-side options; and

(II) A brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option that was considered.
(C) The affected electrical utility's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service;

(D) A description of the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable; and

(E) Any other data and analyses the commission may require.

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