

Amendment No. 916

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 256 First Reprint

(BDR 58-655)

Proposed by: Committee on Commerce and Labor**Amendment Box:****Resolves Conflicts with:** N/A**Amends:** Summary: No Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

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Amend the bill as a whole by deleting sections 2 and 3 and renumbering sections 4 and 5 as sections 2 and 3.

Amend sec. 4, page 6, line 4, by deleting “~~{11.} 12.~~” and inserting “11.”.

Amend sec. 4, page 6, line 12, by deleting “**240**” and inserting “**210**”.

Amend sec. 4, page 8, by deleting lines 14 through 23 and inserting:

“9. If an electric utility files an application to clear its deferred”.

Amend sec. 4, page 8, line 31, by deleting “~~{10.} 11.~~” and inserting “10.”.

Amend sec. 4, page 8, line 37, by deleting “~~{11.} 12.~~” and inserting “11.”.

Amend sec. 4, page 9, line 3, by deleting “~~{12.} 13.~~” and inserting “12.”.

Amend sec. 5, page 10, by deleting lines 1 through 8 and inserting:

“4. An electric utility using deferred accounting may file ~~{an}~~ a”.

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S.B. No. 256—Revises certain provisions relating to regulation of public utilities.

Amend sec. 5, page 10, by deleting lines 16 through 20 and inserting:

~~“5. [The Commission shall adopt regulations prescribing the period within which an electric utility must file an application to clear its deferred accounts after the end of a period of deferred accounting.~~

~~—6.] As used in this section:”.~~

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sections 6 and 7 as sections 5 and 6 and adding a new section designated sec. 4, following sec. 5, to read as follows:

“Sec. 4. NRS 704.7815 is hereby amended to read as follows:

704.7815 “Renewable energy system” means:

1. A facility or energy system that:

(a) Uses renewable energy or energy from a qualified energy recovery process to generate electricity; ~~and~~

~~—(b) Transmits or distributes the electricity that it generates from renewable energy or energy from a qualified energy recovery process via:~~

~~——(1) A power line which is dedicated to the transmission or distribution of electricity generated from renewable energy or energy from a qualified energy recovery process and which is connected to a facility or system owned, operated or controlled by a provider of electric service; or~~

~~——(2) A power line which is shared with not more than one facility or energy system generating electricity from nonrenewable energy and which is connected to a facility or system owned, operated or controlled by a provider of electric service.]~~

(b) Either:

(1) Is directly connected to a provider of electric service through the use of a dedicated transmission or distribution line; or

(2) Schedules and delivers, either directly or through a contract path transaction, the electricity it generates from a renewable energy system or from a qualified energy recovery process to a provider of electric service; and

(c) Has a commercial operation date on or after July 1, 2005, has applied to, petitioned for or sought an advisory opinion from the Commission to be registered as a renewable energy system before July 1, 2005, or is currently providing electricity to a provider of electric service using renewable energy or energy from a qualified energy recovery process. As used in this paragraph, “commercial operation date” means the date the facility first produces electrical energy, for any purpose, at its current location or any former location.

2. A solar energy system that reduces the consumption of electricity, natural gas or propane.

3. A net metering system used by a customer-generator pursuant to NRS 704.766 to 704.775, inclusive.”.

Amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

“AN ACT relating to public utilities; revising certain provisions relating to the regulation of public utilities; changing the date on which the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada must mail certain report forms to public utilities and other regulated entities; revising certain provisions relating to changes in schedules; revising the period within which the Commission must take action on certain applications; revising the period within which an electric utility must file a general rate application; revising the period within which an

electric utility must file an application to clear its deferred accounts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.”.

**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative
Counsel's Digest will be changed to read as follows:**

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to mail reporting forms to public utilities and other providers on or before June 1 of each year. The reporting forms are used by the utilities and providers to disclose information regarding gross operating revenue, and that information is used by the Commission to calculate the annual assessment levied on such revenue. (NRS 704.033, 704.035)

This bill requires the Commission to mail the reporting forms to the utilities and providers on or before June 15 of each year.

Existing law requires the Commission to approve or disapprove certain rate applications filed by public utilities within 180 days after the application is filed. (NRS 704.110)

Under this bill, the Commission is generally required to approve or disapprove rate applications filed by public utilities within 210 days after the application is filed. However, for certain public utilities that provide local telephone service, the period for approval or disapproval remains at 180 days.

Existing law requires certain electric utilities to file general rate applications at least once every 24 months. (NRS 704.110)

This bill establishes a specific schedule for those electric utilities to file general rate applications. An electric utility that primarily serves less densely populated counties must file a general rate application on or before October 3, 2005, and at least once every 24 months thereafter, and an

electric utility that primarily serves densely populated counties must file a general rate application on or before November 15, 2006, and at least once every 24 months thereafter.

Existing law requires an electric utility using deferred accounting to file annual applications to clear its deferred accounts, unless certain conditions are met which authorize the electric utility to file a semiannual application. (NRS 704.187)

This bill establishes a specific schedule for those electric utilities to file their annual applications. An electric utility that primarily serves less densely populated counties must file an annual application to clear its deferred accounts in December of each year, and an electric utility that primarily serves densely populated counties must file an annual application to clear its deferred accounts in January of each year.