ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 529–COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE
ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE)

MARCH 24, 2025

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing facilities for the generation of electricity from solar energy. (BDR 58-427)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to energy; requiring certain wholesale facilities for the generation of electricity from solar energy to purchase power from certain electric utilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law provides for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to certain cooperative associations, nonprofit corporations and nonprofit associations that provide electric service to their members. (NRS 704.677) Existing law also authorizes certain local governmental entities to provide electric service. (Chapters 709 and 710 of NRS) This bill requires certain wholesale facilities for the generation of electricity from solar energy which are located within the service territory of such a cooperative association, nonprofit corporation or nonprofit association or municipal utility to purchase the energy required to operate, maintain or repair the facility from the cooperative association, nonprofit corporation or nonprofit association or municipal utility. This bill further requires the facility to: (1) adhere to all rules, rates and policies established by the governing board of the cooperative association, nonprofit corporation or nonprofit association or municipal utility; and (2) grant access by the cooperative association, nonprofit corporation or nonprofit association or municipal utility to the facility as necessary to accurately measure the service loads of the facility.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 701 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A wholesale generation facility in this State which becomes operational on or after January 1, 2026, and is located within the service territory of a rural electric utility shall:

(a) Purchase its station power from the rural electric utility, unless otherwise provided in a written agreement between the wholesale generation facility and the rural electric utility.

(b) Adhere to all rules, rates and policies established by the governing board of the rural electric utility.

(c) Grant access by the rural electric utility to the facilities of the wholesale generation facility as necessary to accurately measure or assess the service load of the wholesale generation facility.

2. As used in this section:

(a) "Municipal electric utility" includes, without limitation:

(1) An electric utility established pursuant to chapter 709 or 710 of NRS.

(2) Any other electric utility that is owned, operated or controlled by a county, city or other local governmental entity.

(b) "Rural electric utility" means:

(1) A cooperative association, nonprofit corporation, nonprofit association or provider of electric service which is declared to be a public utility pursuant to NRS 704.673 and which provides service only to its members; or

(2) A municipal electric utility which provides electric service to fewer than 100,000 retail electric meters.

(c) "Station power" means energy used on the site of a wholesale generation facility for the operation, maintenance or repair of the facility, including, without limitation, energy used for heating, lighting, air-conditioning, fuel processing and powering equipment.

(d) "Wholesale generation facility" means a facility for the generation of electricity from solar energy that has a capacity in excess of 1 megawatt and:

(1) Is not affiliated through common ownership with an end-use customer that purchases electricity; and

(2) Does not provide the electricity generated by the facility directly and exclusively to the end-use customer described in subparagraph (1).

Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and approval.

2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

(b) On January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

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