

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PUBLIC UTILITY ELECTRICITY COST RECOVERY; STANDARDIZING THE TREATMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUBJECT TO TITLE 69, CHAPTER 3; AMENDING SECTION 69-8-210, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 69-8-210, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-8-210. Public utilities -- ~~electricity supply cost tracking~~ -- environmentally preferred resources.

(1) ~~The commission shall establish an electricity cost recovery mechanism that allows a public utility to fully recover prudently incurred electricity supply costs, subject to the provisions of 69-8-419, 69-8-420, and commission rules. The commission may include other utility costs and expenses in the cost recovery mechanism if it determines that including additional costs and expenses is reasonable and in the public interest. The cost recovery mechanism must provide for prospective rate adjustments for cost differences resulting from cost changes, load changes, and the time value of money on the differences~~ approve a cost-tracking adjustment for a public utility regulated under this part consistent with its regulation of public utilities under Title 69, chapter 3.

(2) Notwithstanding any service options that the commission may require, a public utility shall offer its customers the option of purchasing a product composed of or supporting power from certified environmentally preferred resources that include but are not limited to wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass, subject to review and approval by the commission. The commission shall ensure that these resources have been certified as meeting industry-accepted standards."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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