

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2590

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 24, 2012

An act to add Section ~~321.9~~ 2775.7 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to distributed generation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2590, as amended, Blumenfield. Distributed generation: interconnection.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature.

This bill would require investor-owned electric utilities to post on their Internet Web sites any report required by a revision to the commission's Electric Rule 21, if that revision is adopted after January 1, 2012.

~~Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Independent System Operator and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to study, and submit a report biennially to the Legislature and the Governor, on the impacts of distributed energy generation on the state's distribution and transmission grid.~~

~~This bill would require the commission to annually prepare and make available to the public a report with prescribed information on distributed generation interconnection studies conducted by electrical corporations in the previous year. The bill would require the commission to require~~

~~an electrical corporation to publish online specified queue information, updated on a monthly basis, for all interconnection projects, including withdrawn and rejected projects. Because a violation of an order or decision of the commission implementing that requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by expanding the definition of a crime. The bill would require the commission to convene a rulemaking either parallel to, or jointly with, the Independent System Operator to harmonize confidentiality rules with respect to interconnection requests and interconnection studies.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: *yes-no*. State-mandated local program: *yes-no*.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2775.7 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:

3 2775.7. (a) An investor-owned electric utility shall post on its
4 Internet Web site any report required by a revision to the
5 commission’s Electric Rule 21, if that revision is adopted after
6 January 1, 2012.

7 (b) This section shall not be construed to alter the commission’s
8 authority under Section 583.

9 SECTION 1. Section 321.9 is added to the Public Utilities
10 Code, to read:

11 321.9.—(a) (1) The commission shall annually prepare and
12 make available to the public a detailed report on each distributed
13 generation interconnection study conducted by an electrical
14 corporation in the previous year.

15 (2) The report shall include, but is not limited to, all of the
16 following information:

17 (A) Number of electrical corporation personnel and consultants
18 working on interconnection matters for each electrical corporation.

19 (B) Date of the interconnection application.

20 (C) Queue position date.

21 (D) County and state location.

- 1 ~~(E) Study group, if in a cluster study.~~
- 2 ~~(F) Size of project.~~
- 3 ~~(G) Technology type.~~
- 4 ~~(H) Interconnection procedure status for each project.~~
- 5 ~~(I) Interconnection voltage.~~
- 6 ~~(J) Whether an interconnection agreement has been signed.~~
- 7 ~~(K) Initial requested in-service date.~~
- 8 ~~(L) Current requested in-service date.~~
- 9 ~~(M) Interconnection studies completed for each project, with~~
- 10 ~~the dates of completion of these studies, costs charged to applicants,~~
- 11 ~~actual costs to the electrical corporations completing the studies,~~
- 12 ~~and status of the application.~~
- 13 ~~(3) The commission shall review all electrical corporation data~~
- 14 ~~on this matter but shall ensure that the information is accurate~~
- 15 ~~through verification with third parties when possible.~~
- 16 ~~(b) The commission shall require an electrical corporation to~~
- 17 ~~publish online detailed queue information, updated on a monthly~~
- 18 ~~basis, for all interconnection projects, including withdrawn and~~
- 19 ~~rejected projects, including, but not limited to, all of the following~~
- 20 ~~information:~~
- 21 ~~(1) Date of application.~~
- 22 ~~(2) Queue position date.~~
- 23 ~~(3) County and state location.~~
- 24 ~~(4) Study group, if in a cluster study.~~
- 25 ~~(5) Size of project.~~
- 26 ~~(6) Technology type.~~
- 27 ~~(7) Interconnection procedure status for each project.~~
- 28 ~~(8) Interconnection voltage.~~
- 29 ~~(9) Whether an interconnection agreement has been signed.~~
- 30 ~~(10) Initial requested in-service date.~~
- 31 ~~(11) Current requested in-service date.~~
- 32 ~~(12) Interconnection studies completed for each project, with~~
- 33 ~~the dates of completion of these studies.~~
- 34 ~~(e) The commission shall convene a rulemaking either parallel~~
- 35 ~~to, or jointly with, the Independent System Operator to harmonize~~
- 36 ~~confidentiality rules with respect to interconnection requests and~~
- 37 ~~interconnection studies. This rulemaking shall revise existing rules~~
- 38 ~~of the commission implementing Section 583, including, but not~~
- 39 ~~limited to, commission Decision 06-06-066, relating to issues over~~
- 40 ~~which the state has jurisdiction. The revised rules shall require a~~

1 presumption of nonconfidentiality be enforced at all times and
2 shall require the commission, Independent System Operator, or
3 electrical corporation, as applicable, to provide a written statement
4 demonstrating why any particular information should be deemed
5 confidential.

6 ~~SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to~~
7 ~~Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because~~
8 ~~the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school~~
9 ~~district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or~~
10 ~~infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty~~
11 ~~for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of~~
12 ~~the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within~~
13 ~~the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California~~
14 ~~Constitution.~~