

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2341

**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Blumenfield)**

February 24, 2012

An act to add Section 379.9 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity distribution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2341, as introduced, Williams. : Distribution grid: distributed generation.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, as defined. Existing law requires the PUC to administer, until January 1, 2016, a self-generation incentive program for distributed generation resources to facilitate the integration of those resources into the electrical grid, improve efficiency and reliability of the distribution and transmission system, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, peak demand, and ratepayer costs.

This bill would require the PUC to ensure, through its decisions in electrical corporation general rate cases and related proceedings, that all investments in the distribution grid are compatible with optimal deployment of distributed generation, to the extent grid upgrades are required to meet a goal of 12,000 megawatts of distributed generation by 2020.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 379.9 is added to the Public Utilities
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 379.9. The commission shall ensure, through its decisions in
- 4 electrical corporation general rate cases and related proceedings,
- 5 that all investments in the distribution grid are compatible with
- 6 optimal deployment of distributed generation, to the extent grid
- 7 upgrades are required to meet a goal of 12,000 megawatts of
- 8 distributed generation by 2020.

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