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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-8.5-3.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3.6. (a) As used in this section,**
4 "electric utility" refers to an electric utility listed in 170
5 IAC 4-7-2(a).

6 **(b) As used in this section, "interconnection service" refers to**
7 **a service that is:**

8 **(1) established in a standard large generator interconnection**
9 **agreement, as defined in the Federal Energy Regulatory**
10 **Commission's pro forma Large Generator Interconnection**
11 **Procedures for electric generating facilities having a**
12 **generating facility capacity of more than twenty (20)**
13 **megawatts;**
14 **(2) provided by an electric transmission provider; and**
15 **(3) associated with interconnecting a generating facility with**

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the transmission provider's transmission system and enabling the transmission system to receive electric energy and capacity from the generating facility at the point of interconnection.

(1) has not been used; and

(2) is not reasonably expected to be needed;

9 the use of which would result in the total amount of
10 interconnection service at the point of interconnection service
11 remaining the same.

34 (f) In an integrated resource plan filed with the commission
35 after December 31, 2029, an electric utility may include, in addition
36 to the information set forth in subsection (e), the proposed use of
37 more than one hundred percent (100%) of the surplus
38 interconnection service at a utility owned facility or a third party
39 facility so as to facilitate the use of the entire interconnection
40 service established for the facility in a standard large generator
41 interconnection agreement, so long as the use of the proposed
42 surplus interconnection service when combined with the existing

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1 **used capacity does not exceed the total interconnection service**
2 **established for the facility in the standard large generator**
3 **interconnection agreement.**

4 SECTION 2. IC 8-1-8.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.55-2023,
5 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "federal phaseout
7 mandate" means any federal statutory or regulatory requirement that:

8 (1) is established after April 20, 2021, by the Congress of the
9 United States, a federal regulatory agency, or a federal executive
10 order; and
11 (2) requires the phaseout or discontinuance of a particular type
12 of electric generating facility, technology, or fuel source.

13 **(b) As used in this section, "surplus interconnection service"**
14 **has the meaning set forth in section 3.6 of this chapter.**

15 **(b)** (c) In acting upon any petition for the construction, purchase,
16 or lease of any facility for the generation of electricity, the commission
17 shall take into account the following:

18 (1) The applicant's current and potential arrangement with other
19 electric utilities for:

20 (A) the interchange of power;
21 (B) the pooling of facilities;
22 (C) the purchase of power; and
23 (D) joint ownership of facilities.

24 (2) Other methods for providing reliable, efficient, and
25 economical electric service, including the refurbishment of
26 existing facilities, conservation, load management, cogeneration,
27 and renewable energy sources.

28 (3) With respect to a petition that:

29 (A) is for the construction of a new generating facility; and
30 (B) is submitted to the commission after June 30, 2021, and
31 before January 1, 2025;

32 the impact of federal phaseout mandates on the estimated useful
33 life of each proposed generating facility included in the petition,
34 including depreciation expense associated with each facility.

35 (4) With respect to a petition that is submitted to the commission
36 after June 30, 2023, whether the proposed construction,
37 purchase, or lease of the facility will result in the provision of
38 electric utility service with the attributes set forth in
39 IC 8-1-2-0.6, including:

40 (A) reliability;
41 (B) affordability;
42 (C) resiliency;

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- (D) stability; and
- (E) environmental sustainability;

as described in IC 8-1-2-0.6.

(5) With respect to a petition that is submitted to the commission after December 31, 2029, whether:

(A) the petitioner has conducted an analysis, as part of an integrated resource plan in accordance with section 3.6 of this chapter or otherwise, of the use of surplus interconnection service as an alternative to, or in conjunction with, the proposed construction, purchase, or lease of the facility; and

(B) the proposed construction, use, or lease of the facility will make use of, or allow for the use of, surplus interconnection service.

SECTION 3. IC 8-1-8.5-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 15. (a) The definitions in section 3.6 of this chapter apply throughout this section.**

(b) The commission shall conduct a study to evaluate the potential use of surplus interconnection service by electric utilities to enable electric utilities to:

(1) safely, reliably, efficiently, and cost effectively meet electric system demand; and

(2) provide safe, reliable, and affordable electric utility service to customers.

(c) In conducting the study, the commission shall evaluate the following:

(1) The potential use of surplus interconnection service to enable electric utilities to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electric utility service to customers in Indiana, considering existing and planned transmission infrastructure and projected demand growth.

(2) Any other aspect of surplus interconnection service that the commission determines will assist policymakers, electric utilities, ratepayers, and other stakeholders in understanding the potential role of surplus interconnection service in the transmission system serving Indiana and the region.

(d) An electric utility shall provide the commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the commission, any information or related materials required by the commission to perform the evaluation described in subsection (c). If the electric utility has solicited information concerning the potential use of surplus

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1 interconnection service at third party facilities under section 3.6(f)
2 of this chapter, and the commission requires further information
3 or related materials regarding the potential use of surplus
4 interconnection service at those third party facilities, the
5 commission may request the information or materials directly
6 from the owners or operators of those third party facilities. Upon
7 request by an electric utility or an owner or operator of a third
8 party facility, the commission shall determine whether any
9 information or related materials requested by the commission:

10 (1) are confidential under IC 5-14-3-4;
11 (2) are exempt from public access and disclosure by Indiana
12 law; and
13 (3) must be treated as confidential and protected from public
14 access and disclosure by the commission.

15 (e) In conducting the study required by this section, the
16 commission may consult with or invite comments from:

17 (1) regional transmission organizations;
18 (2) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or other
19 federal regulators;
20 (3) electric utilities;
21 (4) the office of utility consumer counselor;
22 (5) associations or organizations representing utility
23 ratepayers;
24 (6) regulatory commissions in other states;
25 (7) engineers or other experts; and
26 (8) other stakeholders.

27 The commission may incorporate any information or comments
28 received under this subsection in its report under subsection (f).

29 (f) The commission shall include in the annual report that the
30 commission is required to submit under IC 8-1-1-14 before
31 October 1, 2027, a report that includes the commission's findings
32 with respect to the topics set forth in subsection (c).

