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HOUSE BILL NO. 734

AN ACT

To repeal sections 386.370, 393.106, 393.355, 394.120, and 400.9-109, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eleven new sections relating to utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 386.370, 393.106, 393.355, 394.120, 2 and 400.9-109, RSMo, are repealed and eleven new sections 3 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.309, 4 386.370, 386.895, 393.106, 393.355, 393.1620, 393.1700, 5 393.1705, 393.1715, 394.120, and 400.9-109, to read as follows: 67.309. 1. No political subdivision of this state, 2 including any referenced in section 386.020, shall adopt an 3 ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, or policy that prohibits, or has the effect of prohibiting, the connection 4 5 or reconnection of a utility service based upon the type or source of energy to be delivered to an individual customer. 6 Nothing in this section shall limit the ability of a 7 8 political subdivision to choose utility services for 9 properties owned by such political subdivision. 10 2. For purposes of this section, utility services shall include natural gas, propane gas, electricity, and any 11 other form of energy provided to an end user customer. 12 386.370. 1. The commission shall, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year 2

3 commencing on July 1, 1947, make an estimate of the expenses

4 to be incurred by it during such fiscal year reasonably 5 attributable to the regulation of public utilities as 6 provided in chapters 386, 392 and 393 and shall also separately estimate the amount of such expenses directly 7 8 attributable to such regulation of each of the following 9 groups of public utilities: Electrical corporations, gas corporations, water corporations, heating companies and 10 11 telephone corporations, telegraph corporations, sewer corporations, and any other public utility as defined in 12 13 section 386.020, as well as the amount of such expenses not directly attributable to any such group. For purposes of 14 this section, water corporations and sewer corporations will 15 16 be combined and considered one group of public utilities.

2. The commission shall allocate to each such group of 17 public utilities the estimated expenses directly 18 19 attributable to the regulation of such group and an amount 20 equal to such proportion of the estimated expenses not 21 directly attributable to any group as the gross intrastate 22 operating revenues of such group during the preceding calendar year bears to the total gross intrastate operating 23 revenues of all public utilities subject to the jurisdiction 24 25 of the commission, as aforesaid, during such calendar year. The commission shall then assess the amount so allocated to 26 27 each group of public utilities, subject to reduction as 28 herein provided, to the public utilities in such group in 29 proportion to their respective gross intrastate operating 30 revenues during the preceding calendar year, except that the total amount so assessed to all such public utilities shall 31 not exceed [one-fourth] three hundred fifteen thousandths of 32 one percent of the total gross intrastate operating revenues 33 of all utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the 34 commission. 35

36 3. The commission shall render a statement of such assessment to each such public utility on or before July 37 38 first and the amount so assessed to each such public utility shall be paid by it to the director of revenue in full on or 39 40 before July fifteenth next following the rendition of such 41 statement, except that any such public utility may at its 42 election pay such assessment in four equal installments not 43 later than the following dates next following the rendition of said statement, to wit: July fifteenth, October 44 45 fifteenth, January fifteenth and April fifteenth. The director of revenue shall remit such payments to the state 46 47 treasurer.

The state treasurer shall credit such payments to a 48 4. special fund, which is hereby created, to be known as "The 49 Public Service Commission Fund", which fund, or its 50 51 successor fund created pursuant to section 33.571, shall be 52 devoted solely to the payment of expenditures actually incurred by the commission and attributable to the 53 54 regulation of such public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, as aforesaid. Any amount 55 remaining in such special fund or its successor fund at the 56 57 end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general revenue fund, but shall be applicable by appropriation of 58 59 the general assembly to the payment of such expenditures of 60 the commission in the succeeding fiscal year and shall be 61 applied by the commission to the reduction of the amount to 62 be assessed to such public utilities in such succeeding fiscal year, such reduction to be allocated to each group of 63 64 public utilities in proportion to the respective gross intrastate operating revenues of the respective groups 65 during the preceding calendar year. 66

5. In order to enable the commission to make theallocations and assessments herein provided for, each public

69 utility subject to the jurisdiction of the commission as 70 aforesaid shall file with the commission, within ten days 71 after August 28, 1996, and thereafter on or before March thirty-first of each year, a statement under oath showing 72 73 its gross intrastate operating revenues for the preceding 74 calendar year, and if any public utility shall fail to file such statement within the time aforesaid the commission 75 76 shall estimate such revenue which estimate shall be binding 77 on such public utility for the purpose of this section. 386.895. 1. As used in this section, the following 2 terms shall mean: 3 "Biogas", a mixture of carbon dioxide and (1) 4 hydrocarbons, primarily methane gas, released from the biological decomposition of organic materials; 5 6 (2) "Biomass", has the meaning given the term 7 "qualified biomass" in section 142.028; 8 "Gas corporation", the same as defined in section (3) 9 386.020; 10 (4) "Qualified investment", any capital investment in renewable natural gas infrastructure incurred by a gas 11 corporation for the purpose of providing natural gas service 12 under a renewable natural gas program; 13 "Renewable energy sources", hydroelectric, 14 (5) 15 geothermal, solar photovoltaic, wind, tidal, wave, biomass, or biogas energy sources; 16 (6) "Renewable natural gas", any of the following 17 18 products processed to meet pipeline quality standards or transportation fuel grade requirements: 19 Biogas that is upgraded to meet natural gas 20 (a) pipeline quality standards such that it may blend with, or 21 substitute for, geologic natural gas; 22 23 (b) Hydrogen gas; or

24 (c) Methane gas derived from any combination of:

25	a. Biogas;
26	b. Hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from
27	renewable energy sources; or
28	c. Waste carbon dioxide;
29	(7) "Renewable natural gas infrastructure", all
30	equipment and facilities for the production, processing,
31	pipeline interconnection, and distribution of renewable
32	natural gas to be furnished to Missouri customers.
33	2. The commission shall adopt rules for gas
34	corporations to offer a voluntary renewable natural gas
35	program. Rules adopted by the commission under this section
36	shall include:
37	(1) Rules for reporting requirements; and
38	(2) Rules for establishing a process for gas
39	corporations to fully recover incurred costs that are
40	prudent, just, and reasonable associated with a renewable
41	natural gas program. Such recovery shall not be permitted
42	until the project is operational and produces renewable
43	natural gas for customer use.
44	3. A filing by a gas corporation pursuant to the
45	renewable natural gas program created in subsection 2 of
46	this section shall include, but is not limited to:
47	(1) A proposal to procure a total volume of renewable
48	natural gas over a specific period; and
49	(2) Identification of the qualified investments that
50	the gas corporation may make in renewable natural gas
51	infrastructure.
52	4. A gas corporation may from time to time revise the
53	filing submitted to the commission under this section no
54	more than one time per year.
55	5. Any costs incurred by a gas corporation for a
56	gualified investment that are prudent, just, and reasonable

57 may be recovered by means of an automatic rate adjustment 58 clause. 59 6. When a gas corporation makes a qualified investment in the production of renewable natural gas, the costs 60 61 associated with such qualified investment shall include the cost of capital established by the commission in the gas 62 corporation's most recent general rate case. 63 7. On or before January 1, 2023, the division of 64 energy within the department of natural resources shall 65 66 provide to the chair of the public service commission, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro 67 68 tempore of the senate, the chair of the senate committee on 69 commerce, consumer protection, energy, and the environment, and the chair of the house of representatives utility 70 71 committee, a report on the renewable natural gas program 72 established under this section. Such report shall include, 73 but not be limited to, the following: 74 The number of projects submitted for the renewable (1) 75 natural gas program and the number of projects approved for 76 the renewable natural gas program; 77 (2) The number of projects that are operational, and the costs, projected and actual, of such projects and other 78 79 key metrics the division of energy deems important; 80 (3) The volume of renewable natural gas produced in the state through projects that were approved by the 81 renewable natural gas program as well as the percentage of 82 83 renewable natural gas produced in relation to the total 84 volume of natural gas sold in the state; (4) The environmental benefits of renewable natural 85 gas, including but not limited to greenhouse gas reduction 86 as a result of the production of renewable natural gas; 87 The economic benefits of the renewable natural gas 88 (5) 89 program, including but not limited to local employment,

90 value-added production for the agricultural sector, and 91 other economic development; and (6) 92 Any economic benefits or other costs to ratepayers. 93 8. Rules adopted by the commission under this section shall not prohibit an affiliate of a gas corporation from 94 95 making a capital investment in a biogas production project if the affiliate is not a public utility as defined in 96 97 section 386.020. 98 The public service commission may promulgate rules 9. 99 to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or 100 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 101 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in 102 this section shall become effective only if it complies with 103 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, 104 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 105 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with 106 the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to 107 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule 108 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 109 August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void. 110 10. Pursuant to section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset 111 act, this section and any rules enacted under this section 112 113 shall expire nine years from the date the renewable natural 114 gas program is established, unless reauthorized by the 115 general assembly; provided that any rate adjustment 116 authorized by this section shall continue so long as the renewable natural gas program remains in operation and 117 produces renewable natural gas for customer use. 118 393.106. 1. As used in this section, the following 2 terms mean: "Auxiliary power", the energy used to operate 3 (1)4 equipment and other load that is directly related to the

5 production of energy by an independent power producer or 6 electrical corporation, obtained through generation at the 7 site or through adjacent transformation and transmission interconnect, but does not include energy used for space 8 9 heating, lighting, air conditioning, office needs of 10 buildings, and other non-generating uses at the generation site; 11 "Independent power producer" or "IPP", an entity 12 (2) that is also considered a non-utility power producer in the 13 14 United States. IPPs are wholesale electricity producers

15 <u>that operate within the franchised service territories of</u> 16 <u>host utilities and are usually authorized to sell at market-</u> 17 <u>based rates. Unlike traditional electric utilities, IPPs do</u> 18 <u>not possess transmission facilities or sell electricity in</u> 19 the retail market;

20 "Permanent service", electrical service provided (3) 21 through facilities which have been permanently installed on a structure and which are designed to provide electric 22 23 service for the structure's anticipated needs for the indefinite future, as contrasted with facilities installed 24 temporarily to provide electrical service during 25 construction. Service provided temporarily shall be at the 26 risk of the electrical supplier and shall not be 27 28 determinative of the rights of the provider or recipient of 29 permanent service;

30 [(2)] (4) "Structure" or "structures", an agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial or other 31 building or a mechanical installation, machinery or 32 33 apparatus at which retail electric energy is being delivered 34 through a metering device which is located on or adjacent to the structure and connected to the lines of an electrical 35 supplier. Such terms shall include any contiguous or 36 37 adjacent additions to or expansions of a particular

38 structure. Nothing in this section shall be construed to 39 confer any right on an electric supplier to serve new 40 structures on a particular tract of land because it was 41 serving an existing structure on that tract.

42 Once an electrical corporation or joint municipal 2. utility commission, or its predecessor in interest, lawfully 43 44 commences supplying retail electric energy to a structure 45 through permanent service facilities, it shall have the right to continue serving such structure, and other 46 47 suppliers of electrical energy shall not have the right to provide service to the structure except as might be 48 otherwise permitted in the context of municipal annexation, 49 pursuant to section 386.800 and section 394.080, or pursuant 50 to a territorial agreement approved under section 394.312. 51 52 The public service commission, upon application made by an affected party, may order a change of suppliers on the basis 53 54 that it is in the public interest for a reason other than a rate differential. The commission's jurisdiction under this 55 56 section is limited to public interest determinations and excludes questions as to the lawfulness of the provision of 57 service, such questions being reserved to courts of 58 59 competent jurisdiction. Except as provided in this section, nothing contained herein shall affect the rights, privileges 60 61 or duties of existing corporations pursuant to this chapter. Nothing in this section shall be construed to make 62 63 lawful any provision of service which was unlawful prior to July 11, 1991. Nothing in this section shall be construed 64 to make unlawful the continued lawful provision of service 65 to any structure which may have had a different supplier in 66 the past, if such a change in supplier was lawful at the 67 time it occurred. However, those customers who had 68 cancelled service with their previous supplier or had 69 70 requested cancellation by May 1, 1991, shall be eligible to

71 change suppliers as per previous procedures. No customer 72 shall be allowed to change electric suppliers by 73 disconnecting service between May 1, 1991, and July 11, 1991. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of 74 75 this section or any other provision of chapters 386 or 394 to the contrary, auxiliary power may be purchased on a 76 wholesale basis, under the applicable federal tariffs of a 77 78 regional transmission organization instead of under retail 79 service tariffs filed with the public service commission by 80 an electrical corporation, for use at an electric generation facility located in any county of the first classification 81 82 with more than ninety-two thousand but fewer than one 83 hundred one thousand inhabitants which commenced commercial operations prior to August 28, 2021, and which is operated 84 as an independent power producer. 85

393.355. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Electrical corporation", the same meaning given
4 to the term in section 386.020, but shall not include an
5 electrical corporation as described in subsection 2 of
6 section 393.110;

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(2) "Facility", a:

8 (a) Facility whose primary industry is the [smelting]
9 processing of [aluminum and] primary metals[, Standard
10 Industrial Classification Code 3334];

(b) Facility whose primary industry is the production
or fabrication of steel, North American Industrial
Classification System 331110; or

14 (c) Facility with a new or incremental increase in
15 load equal to or in excess of a monthly demand of fifty
16 megawatts.

17 2. Notwithstanding section 393.130 or any other18 provision of law to the contrary, the public service

19 commission shall have the authority to approve a special 20 rate, outside a general rate proceeding, that is not based 21 on the electrical corporation's cost of service for a 22 facility if:

The commission determines, but for the 23 (1)24 authorization of the special rate the facility would not 25 commence operations, the special rate is in the interest of 26 the state of Missouri when considering the interests of the 27 customers of the electrical corporation serving the 28 facility, considering the incremental cost of serving the facility to receive the special rate, and the interests of 29 the citizens of the state generally in promoting economic 30 31 development, improving the tax base, providing employment opportunities in the state, and promoting such other 32 benefits to the state as the commission may determine are 33 34 created by approval of the special rate;

35 (2) After approval of the special rate, the commission 36 allocates in each general rate proceeding of the electrical 37 corporation serving the facility the reduced revenues from the special rate as compared to the revenues that would have 38 been generated at the rate the facility would have paid 39 without the special rate to the electrical corporation's 40 other customers through a uniform percentage adjustment to 41 42 all components of the base rates of all customer classes; and

43 (3) The commission approves a tracking mechanism44 meeting the requirements of subsection 3 of this section.

Any commission order approving a special rate authorized by this section to provide service to a facility in the manner specified under subsection 4 of this section shall establish, as part of the commission's approval of a special rate, a tracking mechanism to track changes in the net margin experienced by the electrical corporation serving the facility with the tracker to apply retroactively to the

52 date the electrical corporation's base rates were last set in its last general rate proceeding concluded prior to June 53 54 14, 2017. The commission shall ensure that the changes in net margin experienced by the electrical corporation between 55 the general rate proceedings as a result of serving the 56 facility are calculated in such a manner that the electrical 57 58 corporation's net income is neither increased nor 59 decreased. The changes in net margin shall be deferred to a regulatory liability or regulatory asset, as applicable, 60 61 with the balance of such regulatory asset or liability to be included in the revenue requirement of the electrical 62 corporation in each of its general rate proceedings through 63 64 an amortization of the balance over a reasonable period until fully returned to or collected from the electrical 65 corporation's customers. 66

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 393.170,
an electrical corporation is authorized to provide electric
service to a facility at a special rate for the new or
incremental load authorized by the commission:

71 (1) Under a rate schedule reflecting the special rate72 approved by the commission; or

(2) If the facility is located outside the electrical
corporation's certificated service territory, the facility
shall be treated as if it is in the electrical corporation's
certified service territory, subject to a commissionapproved rate schedule incorporating the special rate under
the contract.

5. To receive a special rate, the electrical
corporation serving the facility, or facility if the
facility is located outside of the electrical corporation's
certified service territory, shall file a written
application with the commission specifying the requested
special rate and any terms or conditions proposed by the

85 facility respecting the requested special rate and provide 86 information regarding how the requested special rate meets the criteria specified in subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of 87 this section. A special rate provided for by this section 88 89 shall be effective for no longer than ten years from the 90 date such special rate is authorized. The commission may impose such conditions, including but not limited to any 91 92 conditions in a memorandum of understanding between the 93 facility and the electrical corporation, on the special rate 94 as it deems appropriate so long as it otherwise complies 95 with the provisions of this section.

96 6. Any entity which has been granted a special rate
97 under this section may reapply to the commission for a
98 special rate under this section.

393.1620. 1. For the purposes of this section, the
2 following terms shall mean:

3 "Average and excess method", a method for (1)allocation of production plant costs using factors that 4 5 consider the classes' average demands and excess demands, 6 determined by subtracting the average demands from the non-7 coincident peak demands, for the four months with the highest system peak loads. The production plant costs are 8 9 allocated using the class average and excess demands 10 proportionally based on the system load factor, where the system load factor determines the percentage of production 11 12 plant costs allocated using the average demands, and the 13 remainder of production plant costs are allocated using the 14 excess demands; "Class cost of service study", a study designed to 15 (2) allocate a utility's costs to each customer class on the 16 basis of which customer class causes the costs; 17 "Commission", the Missouri public service 18 (3) 19 commission;

20	(4) "Electrical corporation", the same as defined in
21	section 386.020, but shall not include an electrical
22	corporation as described in subsection 2 of section 393.110;
23	(5) "Production plant costs", fixed costs reflected on
24	the electrical corporation's accounting books for the
25	applicable test period, as updated or trued-up, associated
26	with the production or purchase of electricity.
27	2. In determining the allocation of an electrical
28	corporation's total revenue requirement in a general rate
29	case, the commission shall only consider class cost of
30	service study results that allocate the electrical
31	corporation's production plant costs from nuclear and fossil
32	generating units using the average and excess method or one
33	of the methods of assignment or allocation contained within
34	the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
35	1992 manual or subsequent manual.
36	3. This section shall expire on August 28, 2031.
	393.1700. 1. For purposes of sections 393.1700 to
2	393.1715, the following terms shall mean:
3	(1) "Ancillary agreement", a bond, insurance policy,
4	letter of credit, reserve account, surety bond, interest
5	rate lock or swap arrangement, hedging arrangement,
6	liquidity or credit support arrangement, or other financial
7	arrangement entered into in connection with securitized
8	utility tariff bonds;
9	(2) "Assignee", a legally recognized entity to which
10	an electrical corporation assigns, sells, or transfers,
11	other than as security, all or a portion of its interest in
12	or right to securitized utility tariff property. The term
13	includes a corporation, limited liability company, general
14	partnership or limited partnership, public authority, trust,
15	financing entity, or any entity to which an assignee

16	assigns, sells, or transfers, other than as security, its
17	interest in or right to securitized utility tariff property;
18	(3) "Bondholder", a person who holds a securitized
19	utility tariff bond;
20	(4) "Code", the uniform commercial code, chapter 400;
21	(5) "Commission", the Missouri public service
22	commission;
23	(6) "Electrical corporation", the same as defined in
24	section 386.020, but shall not include an electrical
25	corporation as described in subsection 2 of section 393.110;
26	(7) "Energy transition costs", include all of the
27	following:
28	(a) Pretax costs with respect to a retired or
29	abandoned or to be retired or abandoned electric generating
30	facility that is the subject of a petition for a financing
31	order filed under this section where such early retirement
32	or abandonment is deemed reasonable and prudent by the
33	commission through a final order issued by the commission,
34	include, but are not limited to, the undepreciated
35	investment in the retired or abandoned or to be retired or
36	abandoned electric generating facility and any facilities
37	ancillary thereto or used in conjunction therewith, costs of
38	decommissioning and restoring the site of the electric
39	generating facility, other applicable capital and operating
40	costs, accrued carrying charges, and deferred expenses, with
41	the foregoing to be reduced by applicable tax benefits of
42	accumulated and excess deferred income taxes, insurance,
43	scrap and salvage proceeds, and may include the cost of
44	retiring any existing indebtedness, fees, costs, and
45	expenses to modify existing debt agreements or for waivers
46	or consents related to existing debt agreements;
47	(b) Pretax costs that an electrical corporation has
48	previously incurred related to the retirement or abandonment

49	of such an electric generating facility occurring before
50	August 28, 2021;
51	(8) "Financing costs", includes all of the following:
52	(a) Interest and acquisition, defeasance, or
53	redemption premiums payable on securitized utility tariff
54	bonds;
55	(b) Any payment required under an ancillary agreement
56	and any amount required to fund or replenish a reserve
57	account or other accounts established under the terms of any
58	indenture, ancillary agreement, or other financing documents
59	pertaining to securitized utility tariff bonds;
60	(c) Any other cost related to issuing, supporting,
61	repaying, refunding, and servicing securitized utility
62	tariff bonds, including servicing fees, accounting and
63	auditing fees, trustee fees, legal fees, consulting fees,
64	structuring adviser fees, administrative fees, placement and
65	underwriting fees, independent director and manager fees,
66	capitalized interest, rating agency fees, stock exchange
67	listing and compliance fees, security registration fees,
68	filing fees, information technology programming costs, and
69	any other costs necessary to otherwise ensure the timely
70	payment of securitized utility tariff bonds or other amounts
71	or charges payable in connection with the bonds, including
72	costs related to obtaining the financing order;
73	(d) Any taxes and license fees or other fees imposed
74	on the revenues generated from the collection of the
75	securitized utility tariff charge or otherwise resulting
76	from the collection of securitized utility tariff charges,
77	in any such case whether paid, payable, or accrued;
78	(e) Any state and local taxes, franchise, gross
79	receipts, and other taxes or similar charges, including
80	commission assessment fees, whether paid, payable, or
81	accrued;

82	(f) Any costs associated with performance of the
83	commission's responsibilities under this section in
84	connection with approving, approving subject to conditions,
85	or rejecting a petition for a financing order, and in
86	performing its duties in connection with the issuance advice
87	letter process, including costs to retain counsel, one or
88	more financial advisors, or other consultants as deemed
89	appropriate by the commission and paid pursuant to this
90	section;
91	(9) "Financing order", an order from the commission
92	that authorizes the issuance of securitized utility tariff
93	bonds; the imposition, collection, and periodic adjustments
94	of a securitized utility tariff charge; the creation of
95	securitized utility tariff property; and the sale,
96	assignment, or transfer of securitized utility tariff
97	property to an assignee;
98	(10) "Financing party", bondholders and trustees,
99	collateral agents, any party under an ancillary agreement,
100	or any other person acting for the benefit of bondholders;
101	(11) "Financing statement", the same as defined in
102	article 9 of the code;
103	(12) "Pledgee", a financing party to which an
104	electrical corporation or its successors or assignees
105	mortgages, negotiates, pledges, or creates a security
106	interest or lien on all or any portion of its interest in or
107	right to securitized utility tariff property;
108	(13) "Qualified extraordinary costs", costs incurred
109	prudently before, on, or after August 28, 2021, of an
110	extraordinary nature which would cause extreme customer rate
111	impacts if reflected in retail customer rates recovered
112	through customary ratemaking, such as but not limited to
113	those related to purchases of fuel or power, inclusive of
114	carrying charges, during anomalous weather events;

116 <u>subdivision (4) of subsection 1 of section 393.1400 as such</u> 117 <u>term existed on August 28, 2021;</u> 118 <u>(15) "Securitized utility tariff bonds", bonds,</u> 119 <u>debentures, notes, certificates of participation,</u> 120 <u>certificates of beneficial interest, certificates of</u> 121 <u>ownership, or other evidences of indebtedness or ownership</u> 122 <u>that are issued by an electrical corporation or an assignee</u> 123 <u>pursuant to a financing order, the proceeds of which are</u> 124 <u>used directly or indirectly to recover, finance, or</u> 125 <u>refinance commission-approved securitized utility tariff</u> 126 <u>costs and financing costs, and that are secured by or</u>	
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126 costs and financing costs, and that are secured by or	
127 payable from securitized utility tariff property. If	
128 certificates of participation or ownership are issued,	
129 references in this section to principal, interest, or	
130 premium shall be construed to refer to comparable amounts	
131 <u>under those certificates;</u>	
132 (16) "Securitized utility tariff charge", the amounts	_
133 authorized by the commission to repay, finance, or refinance	<u>e</u>
134 securitized utility tariff costs and financing costs and	
135 that are, except as otherwise provided for in this section,	_
136 nonbypassable charges imposed on and part of all retail	
137 customer bills, collected by an electrical corporation or	
138 its successors or assignees, or a collection agent, in full	,
139 separate and apart from the electrical corporation's base	
140 rates, and paid by all existing or future retail customers	
141 receiving electrical service from the electrical corporation	n
142 or its successors or assignees under commission-approved	
143 rate schedules, except for customers receiving electrical	
144 service under special contracts as of August 28, 2021, even	_
145 if a retail customer elects to purchase electricity from an	
146 alternative electricity supplier following a fundamental	_
147 change in regulation of public utilities in this state;	_

148	(17) "Securitized utility tariff costs", either energy
149	transition costs or qualified extraordinary costs as the
150	case may be;
151	(18) "Securitized utility tariff property", all of the
152	following:
153	(a) All rights and interests of an electrical
154	corporation or successor or assignee of the electrical
155	corporation under a financing order, including the right to
156	impose, bill, charge, collect, and receive securitized
157	utility tariff charges authorized under the financing order
158	and to obtain periodic adjustments to such charges as
159	provided in the financing order;
160	(b) All revenues, collections, claims, rights to
161	payments, payments, money, or proceeds arising from the
162	rights and interests specified in the financing order,
163	regardless of whether such revenues, collections, claims,
164	rights to payment, payments, money, or proceeds are imposed,
165	billed, received, collected, or maintained together with or
166	commingled with other revenues, collections, rights to
167	payment, payments, money, or proceeds;
168	(19) "Special contract", electrical service provided
169	under the terms of a special incremental load rate schedule
170	at a fixed price rate approved by the commission.
171	2. (1) An electrical corporation may petition the
172	commission for a financing order to finance energy
173	transition costs through an issuance of securitized utility
174	tariff bonds. The petition shall include all of the
175	following:
176	(a) A description of the electric generating facility
177	or facilities that the electrical corporation has retired or
178	abandoned, or proposes to retire or abandon, prior to the
179	date that all undepreciated investment relating thereto has
180	been recovered through rates and the reasons for undertaking

181 such early retirement or abandonment, or if the electrical 182 corporation is subject to a separate commission order or 183 proceeding relating to such retirement or abandonment as contemplated by subdivision (2) of this subsection, and a 184 185 description of the order or other proceeding; 186 The energy transition costs; (b) An indicator of whether the electrical corporation 187 (C) 188 proposes to finance all or a portion of the energy 189 transition costs using securitized utility tariff bonds. If 190 the electrical corporation proposes to finance a portion of 191 the costs, the electrical corporation shall identify the specific portion in the petition. By electing not to 192 193 finance all or any portion of such energy transition costs 194 using securitized utility tariff bonds, an electrical 195 corporation shall not be deemed to waive its right to 196 recover such costs pursuant to a separate proceeding with 197 the commission; An estimate of the financing costs related to the 198 (d) 199 securitized utility tariff bonds; 200 An estimate of the securitized utility tariff (e) charges necessary to recover the securitized utility tariff 201 202 costs and financing costs and the period for recovery of 203 such costs; 204 (f) A comparison between the net present value of the 205 costs to customers that are estimated to result from the 206 issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds and the costs 207 that would result from the application of the traditional method of financing and recovering the undepreciated 208 investment of facilities that may become securitized utility 209 210 tariff costs from customers. The comparison should 211 demonstrate that the issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds and the imposition of securitized utility tariff 212

213 charges are expected to provide quantifiable net present 214 value benefits to customers; 215 (g) A proposed future ratemaking process to reconcile any differences between securitized utility tariff costs 216 217 financed by securitized utility tariff bonds and the final 218 securitized costs incurred by the electrical corporation or assignee provided that any such reconciliation shall not 219 220 affect the amount of securitized utility tariff bonds or the 221 associated securitized utility tariff charges paid by 222 customers; and 223 (h) Direct testimony supporting the petition. 224 (2) An electrical corporation may petition the 225 commission for a financing order to finance qualified extraordinary costs. The petition shall include all of the 226 227 following: (a) A description of the qualified extraordinary 228 229 costs, including their magnitude, the reasons those costs 230 were incurred by the electrical corporation and the retail 231 customer rate impact that would result from customary 232 ratemaking treatment of such costs; 233 (b) An indicator of whether the electrical corporation proposes to finance all or a portion of the qualified 234 extraordinary costs using securitized utility tariff bonds. 235 236 If the electrical corporation proposes to finance a portion 237 of the costs, the electrical corporation shall identify the specific portion in the petition. By electing not to 238 239 finance all or any portion of such qualified extraordinary costs using securitized utility tariff bonds, an electrical 240 corporation shall not be deemed to waive its right to 241 242 reflect such costs in its retail rates pursuant to a separate proceeding with the commission; 243 (c) An estimate of the financing costs related to the 244 245 securitized utility tariff bonds;

246	(d) An estimate of the securitized utility tariff
247	charges necessary to recover the qualified extraordinary
248	costs and financing costs and the period for recovery of
249	such costs;
250	(e) A comparison between the net present value of the
251	costs to customers that are estimated to result from the
252	issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds and the costs
253	that would result from the application of the customary
254	method of financing and reflecting the qualified
255	extraordinary costs in retail customer rates. The
256	comparison should demonstrate that the issuance of
257	securitized utility tariff bonds and the imposition of
258	securitized utility tariff charges are expected to provide
259	quantifiable net present value benefits to retail customers;
260	(f) A proposed future ratemaking process to reconcile
261	any differences between securitized utility tariff costs
262	financed by securitized utility tariff bonds and the final
263	securitized costs incurred by the electrical corporation or
264	assignee provided that any such reconciliation shall not
265	affect the amount of securitized utility tariff bonds or the
266	associated securitized utility tariff charges paid by
267	customers; and
268	(g) Direct testimony supporting the petition.
269	(3) (a) Proceedings on a petition submitted pursuant
270	to this subsection begin with the petition by an electrical
271	corporation and shall be disposed of in accordance with the
272	requirements of this section and the rules of the
273	commission, except as follows:
274	a. The commission shall establish a procedural
275	schedule that permits a commission decision no later than
276	two hundred fifteen days after the date the petition is
277	filed;

278	b. No later than two hundred fifteen days after the
279	date the petition is filed, the commission shall issue a
280	financing order approving the petition, an order approving
281	the petition subject to conditions, or an order rejecting
282	the petition; provided, however, that the electrical
283	corporation shall provide notice of intent to file a
284	petition for a financing order to the commission no less
285	than sixty days in advance of such filing;
286	c. Judicial review of a financing order may be had
287	only in accordance with sections 386.500 and 386.510.
288	(b) In performing its responsibilities under this
289	section in approving, approving subject to conditions, or
290	rejecting a petition for a financing order, the commission
291	may retain counsel, one or more financial advisors, or other
292	consultants as it deems appropriate. Such outside counsel,
293	advisor or advisors, or consultants shall owe a duty of
294	loyalty solely to the commission and shall have no interest
295	in the proposed securitized utility tariff bonds. The costs
296	associated with any such engagements shall be paid by the
297	petitioning corporation and shall be included as financed
298	costs in the securitized utility tariff charge and shall not
299	be an obligation of the state and shall be assigned solely
300	to the subject transaction.
301	(c) A financing order issued by the commission, after
302	a hearing, to an electrical corporation shall include all of
303	the following elements:
304	a. The amount of securitized utility tariff costs to
305	be financed using securitized utility tariff bonds and a
306	finding that recovery of such costs is just and reasonable
307	and in the public interest. The commission shall describe
308	and estimate the amount of financing costs that may be
309	recovered through securitized utility tariff charges and

310 specify the period over which securitized utility tariff 311 costs and financing costs may be recovered; 312 b. A finding that the proposed issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds and the imposition and collection of a 313 securitized utility tariff charge are just and reasonable 314 315 and in the public interest and are expected to provide quantifiable net present value benefits to customers as 316 317 compared to recovery of the components of securitized utility tariff costs that would have been incurred absent 318 319 the issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds. 320 Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the 321 contrary, in considering whether to find the proposed 322 issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds and the 323 imposition and collection of a securitized utility tariff 324 charge are just and reasonable and in the public interest, 325 the commission may consider previous instances where it has 326 issued financing orders to the petitioning electrical 327 corporation and such electrical corporation has previously 328 issued securitized utility tariff bonds; 329 c. A finding that the proposed structuring and pricing 330 of the securitized utility tariff bonds are reasonably expected to result in the lowest securitized utility tariff 331 charges consistent with market conditions at the time the 332 333 securitized utility tariff bonds are priced and the terms of 334 the financing order; d. A requirement that, for so long as the securitized 335 336 utility tariff bonds are outstanding and until all financing costs have been paid in full, the imposition and collection 337 of securitized utility tariff charges authorized under a 338 339 financing order shall be nonbypassable and paid by all 340 existing and future retail customers receiving electrical service from the electrical corporation or its successors or 341 342 assignees under commission-approved rate schedules except

343	for customers receiving electrical service under special
344	contracts on August 28, 2021, even if a retail customer
345	elects to purchase electricity from an alternative electric
346	supplier following a fundamental change in regulation of
347	public utilities in this state;
348	e. A formula-based true-up mechanism for making, at
349	least annually, expeditious periodic adjustments in the
350	securitized utility tariff charges that customers are
351	required to pay pursuant to the financing order and for
352	making any adjustments that are necessary to correct for any
353	overcollection or undercollection of the charges or to
354	otherwise ensure the timely payment of securitized utility
355	tariff bonds and financing costs and other required amounts
356	and charges payable under the securitized utility tariff
357	bonds;
358	f. The securitized utility tariff property that is, or
359	shall be, created in favor of an electrical corporation or
360	its successors or assignees and that shall be used to pay or
361	secure securitized utility tariff bonds and approved
362	financing costs;
363	g. The degree of flexibility to be afforded to the
364	electrical corporation in establishing the terms and
365	conditions of the securitized utility tariff bonds,
366	including, but not limited to, repayment schedules, expected
367	interest rates, and other financing costs;
368	h. How securitized utility tariff charges will be
369	allocated among retail customer classes. The initial
370	allocation shall remain in effect until the electrical
371	corporation completes a general rate proceeding, and once
372	the commission's order from that general rate proceeding
373	becomes final, all subsequent applications of an adjustment
374	mechanism regarding securitized utility tariff charges shall
375	incorporate changes in the allocation of costs to customers

376 as detailed in the commission's order from the electrical 377 corporation's most recent general rate proceeding; i. A requirement that, after the final terms of an 378 issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds have been 379 380 established and before the issuance of securitized utility 381 tariff bonds, the electrical corporation determines the resulting initial securitized utility tariff charge in 382 accordance with the financing order, and that such initial 383 384 securitized utility tariff charge be final and effective 385 upon the issuance of such securitized utility tariff bonds with such charge to be reflected on a compliance tariff 386 387 sheet bearing such charge; 388 j. A method of tracing funds collected as securitized utility tariff charges, or other proceeds of securitized 389 390 utility tariff property, determining that such method shall 391 be deemed the method of tracing such funds and determining 392 the identifiable cash proceeds of any securitized utility 393 tariff property subject to a financing order under applicable law; 394 395 k. A statement specifying a future ratemaking process to reconcile any differences between the actual securitized 396 397 utility tariff costs financed by securitized utility tariff bonds and the final securitized utility tariff costs 398 399 incurred by the electrical corporation or assignee provided 400 that any such reconciliation shall not affect the amount of 401 securitized utility tariff bonds or the associated 402 securitized utility tariff charges paid by customers; 1. A procedure that shall allow the electrical 403 corporation to earn a return, at the cost of capital 404 authorized from time to time by the commission in the 405 electrical corporation's rate proceedings, on any moneys 406 advanced by the electrical corporation to fund reserves, if 407 408 any, or capital accounts established under the terms of any 409 indenture, ancillary agreement, or other financing documents pertaining to the securitized utility tariff bonds; 410 411 m. In a financing order granting authorization to securitize energy transition costs or in a financing order 412 granting authorization to securitize qualified extraordinary 413 414 costs that include retired or abandoned facility costs, a procedure for the treatment of accumulated deferred income 415 416 taxes and excess deferred income taxes in connection with the retired or abandoned or to be retired or abandoned 417 electric generating facility, or in connection with retired 418 419 or abandoned facilities included in qualified extraordinary costs. The accumulated deferred income taxes, including 420 421 excess deferred income taxes, shall be excluded from rate 422 base in future general rate cases and the net tax benefits 423 relating to amounts that will be recovered through the 424 issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds shall be 425 credited to retail customers by reducing the amount of such 426 securitized utility tariff bonds that would otherwise be 427 issued. The customer credit shall include the net present 428 value of the tax benefits, calculated using a discount rate 429 equal to the expected interest rate of the securitized 430 utility tariff bonds, for the estimated accumulated and excess deferred income taxes at the time of securitization 431 432 including timing differences created by the issuance of 433 securitized utility tariff bonds amortized over the period 434 of the bonds multiplied by the expected interest rate on 435 such securitized utility tariff bonds; An outside date, which shall not be earlier than 436 n. one year after the date the financing order is no longer 437 438 subject to appeal, when the authority to issue securitized utility tariff bonds granted in such financing order shall 439 440 expire; and

441 o. Include any other conditions that the commission 442 considers appropriate and that are not inconsistent with this section. 443 (d) A financing order issued to an electrical 444 445 corporation may provide that creation of the electrical 446 corporation's securitized utility tariff property is conditioned upon, and simultaneous with, the sale or other 447 448 transfer of the securitized utility tariff property to an 449 assignee and the pledge of the securitized utility tariff 450 property to secure securitized utility tariff bonds. 451 (e) If the commission issues a financing order, the electrical corporation shall file with the commission at 452 453 least annually a petition or a letter applying the formulabased true-up mechanism and, based on estimates of 454 455 consumption for each rate class and other mathematical 456 factors, requesting administrative approval to make the 457 applicable adjustments. The review of the filing shall be 458 limited to determining whether there are any mathematical or 459 clerical errors in the application of the formula-based true-460 up mechanism relating to the appropriate amount of any overcollection or undercollection of securitized utility 461 462 tariff charges and the amount of an adjustment. The adjustments shall ensure the recovery of revenues sufficient 463 464 to provide for the payment of principal, interest, acquisition, defeasance, financing costs, or redemption 465 premium and other fees, costs, and charges in respect of 466 467 securitized utility tariff bonds approved under the financing order. Within thirty days after receiving an 468 electrical corporation's request pursuant to this paragraph, 469 the commission shall either approve the request or inform 470 471 the electrical corporation of any mathematical or clerical errors in its calculation. If the commission informs the 472 473 electrical corporation of mathematical or clerical errors in

474	its calculation, the electrical corporation shall correct
475	its error and refile its request. The time frames
476	previously described in this paragraph shall apply to a
477	refiled request.
478	(f) At the time of any transfer of securitized utility
479	tariff property to an assignee or the issuance of
480	securitized utility tariff bonds authorized thereby,
481	whichever is earlier, a financing order is irrevocable and,
482	except for changes made pursuant to the formula-based true-
483	up mechanism authorized in this section, the commission may
484	not amend, modify, or terminate the financing order by any
485	subsequent action or reduce, impair, postpone, terminate, or
486	otherwise adjust securitized utility tariff charges approved
487	in the financing order. After the issuance of a financing
488	order, the electrical corporation retains sole discretion
489	regarding whether to assign, sell, or otherwise transfer
490	securitized utility tariff property or to cause securitized
491	utility tariff bonds to be issued, including the right to
492	defer or postpone such assignment, sale, transfer, or
493	issuance.
494	(g) The commission, in a financing order and subject
495	to the issuance advice letter process under paragraph (h) of
496	this subdivision, shall specify the degree of flexibility to
497	be afforded the electrical corporation in establishing the
498	terms and conditions for the securitized utility tariff
499	bonds to accommodate changes in market conditions, including
500	repayment schedules, interest rates, financing costs,
501	collateral requirements, required debt service and other
502	reserves and the ability of the electrical corporation, at
503	its option, to effect a series of issuances of securitized
504	utility tariff bonds and correlated assignments, sales,
505	pledges, or other transfers of securitized utility tariff
506	property. Any changes made under this paragraph to terms

507 and conditions for the securitized utility tariff bonds 508 shall be in conformance with the financing order. 509 (h) As the actual structure and pricing of the 510 securitized utility tariff bonds will be unknown at the time the financing order is issued, prior to the issuance of each 511 series of bonds, an issuance advice letter shall be provided 512 513 to the commission by the electrical corporation following the determination of the final terms of such series of bonds 514 no later than one day after the pricing of the securitized 515 utility tariff bonds. The commission shall have the 516 authority to designate a representative or representatives 517 518 from commission staff, who may be advised by a financial 519 advisor or advisors contracted with the commission, to provide input to the electrical corporation and collaborate 520 with the electrical corporation in all facets of the process 521 522 undertaken by the electrical corporation to place the 523 securitized utility tariff bonds to market so the 524 commission's representative or representatives can provide 525 the commission with an opinion on the reasonableness of the 526 pricing, terms, and conditions of the securitized utility tariff bonds on an expedited basis. Neither the designated 527 representative or representatives from the commission staff 528 nor one or more financial advisors advising commission staff 529 530 shall have authority to direct how the electrical 531 corporation places the bonds to market although they shall 532 be permitted to attend all meetings convened by the 533 electrical corporation to address placement of the bonds to market. The form of such issuance advice letter shall be 534 included in the financing order and shall indicate the final 535 structure of the securitized utility tariff bonds and 536 provide the best available estimate of total ongoing 537 financing costs. The issuance advice letter shall report 538 539 the initial securitized utility tariff charges and other

540 information specific to the securitized utility tariff bonds 541 to be issued, as the commission may require. Unless an 542 earlier date is specified in the financing order, the electrical corporation may proceed with the issuance of the 543 securitized utility tariff bonds unless, prior to noon on 544 the fourth business day after the commission receives the 545 issuance advice letter, the commission issues a disapproval 546 547 letter directing that the bonds as proposed shall not be issued and the basis for that disapproval. The financing 548 order may provide such additional provisions relating to the 549 issuance advice letter process as the commission considers 550 551 appropriate and as are not inconsistent with this section. 552 (4) (a) In performing the responsibilities of this section in connection with the issuance of a financing 553 order, approving the petition, an order approving the 554 555 petition subject to conditions, or an order rejecting the 556 petition, the commission shall undertake due diligence as it 557 deems appropriate prior to the issuance of the order 558 regarding the petition pursuant to which the commission may 559 request additional information from the electrical corporation and may engage one or more financial advisors, 560 one or more consultants, and counsel as the commission deems 561 necessary. Any financial advisor or advisors, counsel, and 562 consultants engaged by the commission shall have a fiduciary 563 564 duty with respect to the proposed issuance of securitized 565 utility bonds solely to the commission. All expenses associated with such services shall be included as part of 566 the financing costs of the securitized utility tariff bonds 567 and shall be included in the securitized utility tariff 568 569 charge. (b) If an electrical corporation's petition for a 570 financing order is denied or withdrawn, or for any reason 571 572 securitized utility tariff bonds are not issued, any costs

573 of retaining one or more financial advisors, one or more 574 consultants, and counsel on behalf of the commission shall 575 be paid by the petitioning electrical corporation and shall be eligible for full recovery, including carrying costs, if 576 577 approved by the commission in the electrical corporation's 578 future rates. (5) At the request of an electrical corporation, the 579 580 commission may commence a proceeding and issue a subsequent

581 financing order that provides for refinancing, retiring, or 582 refunding securitized utility tariff bonds issued pursuant 583 to the original financing order if the commission finds that the subsequent financing order satisfies all of the criteria 584 585 specified in this section for a financing order. Effective 586 upon retirement of the refunded securitized utility tariff 587 bonds and the issuance of new securitized utility tariff 588 bonds, the commission shall adjust the related securitized 589 utility tariff charges accordingly.

590 (6) (a) A financing order remains in effect and
591 securitized utility tariff property under the financing
592 order continues to exist until securitized utility tariff
593 bonds issued pursuant to the financing order have been paid
594 in full or defeased and, in each case, all commission595 approved financing costs of such securitized utility tariff
596 bonds have been recovered in full.

597 (b) A financing order issued to an electrical
598 corporation remains in effect and unabated notwithstanding
599 the reorganization, bankruptcy, or other insolvency
600 proceedings, merger, or sale of the electrical corporation
601 or its successors or assignees.
602 3. (1) The commission may not, in exercising its

603 powers and carrying out its duties regarding any matter 604 within its authority, consider the securitized utility

605 tariff bonds issued pursuant to a financing order to be the

606	debt of the electrical corporation other than for federal
607	and state income tax purposes, consider the securitized
608	utility tariff charges paid under the financing order to be
609	the revenue of the electrical corporation for any purpose,
610	consider the securitized utility tariff costs or financing
611	costs specified in the financing order to be the costs of
612	the electrical corporation, nor may the commission determine
613	any action taken by an electrical corporation which is
614	consistent with the financing order to be unjust or
615	unreasonable, and section 386.300 shall not apply to the
616	issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds.
617	(2) Securitized utility tariff charges shall not be
618	utilized or accounted for in determining the electrical
619	corporation's average overall rate, as defined in section
620	393.1655 and as used to determine the maximum retail rate
621	impact limitations provided for by subsections 3 and 4 of
622	section 393.1655.
622 623	<u>section 393.1655.</u> (3) No electrical corporation is required to file a
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623 624 625	(3) No electrical corporation is required to file a petition for a financing order under this section or otherwise utilize this section. An electrical corporation's
623 624 625 626	(3) No electrical corporation is required to file a petition for a financing order under this section or otherwise utilize this section. An electrical corporation's decision not to file a petition for a financing order under
623 624 625 626 627	(3) No electrical corporation is required to file a petition for a financing order under this section or otherwise utilize this section. An electrical corporation's decision not to file a petition for a financing order under this section shall not be admissible in any commission
623 624 625 626 627 628	(3) No electrical corporation is required to file a petition for a financing order under this section or otherwise utilize this section. An electrical corporation's decision not to file a petition for a financing order under this section shall not be admissible in any commission proceeding nor shall it be otherwise utilized or relied on
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623 624 625 626 627 628 629 630 631 632	(3) No electrical corporation is required to file a petition for a financing order under this section or otherwise utilize this section. An electrical corporation's decision not to file a petition for a financing order under this section shall not be admissible in any commission proceeding nor shall it be otherwise utilized or relied on by the commission in any proceeding respecting the electrical corporation's rates or its accounting, including, without limitation, any general rate proceeding, fuel adjustment clause docket, or proceedings relating to
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638	project, addition, plant, facility, extension, capital
639	improvement, equipment, or any other expenditure.
640	(4) The commission may not refuse to allow an
641	electrical corporation to recover securitized utility tariff
642	costs in an otherwise permissible fashion, or refuse or
643	condition authorization or approval of the issuance and sale
644	by an electrical corporation of securities or the assumption
645	by the electrical corporation of liabilities or obligations,
646	because of the potential availability of securitized utility
647	tariff bond financing.
648	(5) After the issuance of a financing order with or
649	without conditions, the electrical corporation retains sole
650	discretion regarding whether to cause the securitized
651	utility tariff bonds to be issued, including the right to
652	defer or postpone such sale, assignment, transfer, or
653	issuance. Nothing shall prevent the electrical corporation
654	from abandoning the issuance of securitized utility tariff
655	bonds under the financing order by filing with the
656	commission a statement of abandonment and the reasons
657	therefor; provided, that the electrical corporation's
658	abandonment decision shall not be deemed imprudent because
659	of the potential availability of securitized utility tariff
660	bond financing; and provided further, that an electrical
661	corporation's decision to abandon issuance of such bonds may
662	be raised by any party, including the commission, as a
663	reason the commission should not authorize, or should
664	modify, the rate-making treatment proposed by the electrical
665	corporation of the costs associated with the electric
666	generating facility that was the subject of a petition under
667	this section that would have been securitized as energy
668	transition costs had such abandonment decision not been
669	made, but only if the electrical corporation requests non-

670	standard plant retirement treatment of such costs for rate-
671	making purposes.
672	(6) The commission may not, directly or indirectly,
673	utilize or consider the debt reflected by the securitized
674	utility tariff bonds in establishing the electrical
675	corporation's capital structure used to determine any
676	regulatory matter, including but not limited to the
677	electrical corporation's revenue requirement used to set its
678	rates.
679	(7) The commission may not, directly or indirectly,
680	consider the existence of securitized utility tariff bonds
681	or the potential use of securitized utility tariff bond
682	financing proceeds in determining the electrical
683	corporation's authorized rate of return used to determine
684	the electrical corporation's revenue requirement used to set
685	its rates.
686	4. The electric bills of an electrical corporation
687	that has obtained a financing order and caused securitized
688	utility tariff bonds to be issued shall comply with the
689	provisions of this subsection; however, the failure of an
690	electrical corporation to comply with this subsection does
691	not invalidate, impair, or affect any financing order,
692	securitized utility tariff property, securitized utility
693	tariff charge, or securitized utility tariff bonds. The
694	electrical corporation shall do the following:
695	(1) Explicitly reflect that a portion of the charges
696	on such bill represents securitized utility tariff charges
697	approved in a financing order issued to the electrical
698	corporation and, if the securitized utility tariff property
699	has been transferred to an assignee, shall include a
700	statement to the effect that the assignee is the owner of
701	the rights to securitized utility tariff charges and that
702	the electrical corporation or other entity, if applicable,

703	is acting as a collection agent or servicer for the
704	assignee. The tariff applicable to customers shall indicate
705	the securitized utility tariff charge and the ownership of
706	the charge;
707	(2) Include the securitized utility tariff charge on
708	each customer's bill as a separate line item and include
709	both the rate and the amount of the charge on each bill.
710	5. (1) (a) All securitized utility tariff property
711	that is specified in a financing order constitutes an
712	existing, present intangible property right or interest
713	therein, notwithstanding that the imposition and collection
714	of securitized utility tariff charges depends on the
715	electrical corporation, to which the financing order is
716	issued, performing its servicing functions relating to the
717	collection of securitized utility tariff charges and on
718	future electricity consumption. The property exists:
719	a. Regardless of whether or not the revenues or
720	proceeds arising from the property have been billed, have
721	accrued, or have been collected; and
722	b. Notwithstanding the fact that the value or amount
723	of the property is dependent on the future provision of
724	service to customers by the electrical corporation or its
725	successors or assignees and the future consumption of
726	electricity by customers.
727	(b) Securitized utility tariff property specified in a
728	financing order exists until securitized utility tariff
729	bonds issued pursuant to the financing order are paid in
730	full and all financing costs and other costs of such
731	securitized utility tariff bonds have been recovered in full.
732	(c) All or any portion of securitized utility tariff
733	property specified in a financing order issued to an
734	electrical corporation may be transferred, sold, conveyed,
735	or assigned to a successor or assignee that is wholly owned,

736 directly or indirectly, by the electrical corporation and 737 created for the limited purpose of acquiring, owning, or 738 administering securitized utility tariff property or issuing securitized utility tariff bonds under the financing order. 739 740 All or any portion of securitized utility tariff property 741 may be pledged to secure securitized utility tariff bonds issued pursuant to the financing order, amounts payable to 742 743 financing parties and to counterparties under any ancillary 744 agreements, and other financing costs. Any transfer, sale, 745 conveyance, assignment, grant of a security interest in or 746 pledge of securitized utility tariff property by an electrical corporation, or an affiliate of the electrical 747 748 corporation, to an assignee, to the extent previously 749 authorized in a financing order, does not require the prior 750 consent and approval of the commission. 751 (d) If an electrical corporation defaults on any 752 required remittance of securitized utility tariff charges 753 arising from securitized utility tariff property specified 754 in a financing order, a court, upon application by an 755 interested party, and without limiting any other remedies available to the applying party, shall order the 756 757 sequestration and payment of the revenues arising from the securitized utility tariff property to the financing parties 758 759 or their assignees. Any such financing order remains in 760 full force and effect notwithstanding any reorganization, 761 bankruptcy, or other insolvency proceedings with respect to 762 the electrical corporation or its successors or assignees. The interest of a transferee, purchaser, acquirer, 763 (e) 764 assignee, or pledgee in securitized utility tariff property specified in a financing order issued to an electrical 765 corporation, and in the revenue and collections arising from 766 that property, is not subject to setoff, counterclaim, 767 768 surcharge, or defense by the electrical corporation or any

769 other person or in connection with the reorganization, 770 bankruptcy, or other insolvency of the electrical 771 corporation or any other entity. (f) Any successor to an electrical corporation, 772 773 whether pursuant to any reorganization, bankruptcy, or other 774 insolvency proceeding or whether pursuant to any merger or acquisition, sale, or other business combination, or 775 transfer by operation of law, as a result of electrical 776 777 corporation restructuring or otherwise, shall perform and 778 satisfy all obligations of, and have the same rights under a 779 financing order as, the electrical corporation under the 780 financing order in the same manner and to the same extent as 781 the electrical corporation, including collecting and paying 782 to the person entitled to receive the revenues, collections, 783 payments, or proceeds of the securitized utility tariff 784 property. Nothing in this section is intended to limit or 785 impair any authority of the commission concerning the 786 transfer or succession of interests of public utilities. 787 (q) Securitized utility tariff bonds shall be 788 nonrecourse to the credit or any assets of the electrical 789 corporation other than the securitized utility tariff 790 property as specified in the financing order and any rights 791 under any ancillary agreement. 792 (2) (a) The creation, perfection, priority, and 793 enforcement of any security interest in securitized utility 794 tariff property to secure the repayment of the principal and 795 interest and other amounts payable in respect of securitized utility tariff bonds, amounts payable under any ancillary 796 agreement and other financing costs are governed by this 797 798 section and not by the provisions of the code, except as 799 otherwise provided in this section.

800	(b) A security interest in securitized utility tariff
801	property is created, valid, and binding at the later of the
802	time:
803	a. The financing order is issued;
804	b. A security agreement is executed and delivered by
805	the debtor granting such security interest;
806	c. The debtor has rights in such securitized utility
807	tariff property or the power to transfer rights in such
808	securitized utility tariff property; or
809	d. Value is received for the securitized utility
810	tariff property.
811	The description of securitized utility tariff property in a
812	security agreement is sufficient if the description refers
813	to this section and the financing order creating the
814	securitized utility tariff property. A security interest
815	shall attach as provided in this paragraph without any
816	physical delivery of collateral or other act.
817	(c) Upon the filing of a financing statement with the
818	office of the secretary of state as provided in this
818 819	office of the secretary of state as provided in this section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff
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819 820 821 822	section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the person granting the security interest, and regardless of
819 820 821 822 823	section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the person granting the security interest, and regardless of whether the parties have notice of the security interest.
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 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 	<pre>section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the person granting the security interest, and regardless of whether the parties have notice of the security interest. Without limiting the foregoing, upon such filing a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all claims of lien creditors, and shall</pre>
 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 827 	<pre>section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the person granting the security interest, and regardless of whether the parties have notice of the security interest. Without limiting the foregoing, upon such filing a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all claims of lien creditors, and shall have priority over all competing security interests and</pre>
 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 827 828 	<pre>section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the person granting the security interest, and regardless of whether the parties have notice of the security interest. Without limiting the foregoing, upon such filing a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all claims of lien creditors, and shall have priority over all competing security interests and other claims other than any security interest previously</pre>
 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 827 828 829 	<pre>section, a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, or otherwise against the person granting the security interest, and regardless of whether the parties have notice of the security interest. Without limiting the foregoing, upon such filing a security interest in securitized utility tariff property shall be perfected against all claims of lien creditors, and shall have priority over all competing security interests and other claims other than any security interest previously perfected in accordance with this section.</pre>

833	Any pledgee or secured party shall have a perfected security
834	interest in the amount of all securitized utility tariff
835	charges that are deposited in any cash or deposit account of
836	the qualifying electrical corporation in which securitized
837	utility tariff charges have been commingled with other funds
838	and any other security interest that may apply to those
839	funds shall be terminated when they are transferred to a
840	segregated account for the assignee or a financing party.
841	(e) No application of the formula-based true-up
842	mechanism as provided in this section will affect the
843	validity, perfection, or priority of a security interest in
844	or transfer of securitized utility tariff property.
845	(f) If a default occurs under the securitized utility
846	tariff bonds that are secured by a security interest in
847	securitized utility tariff property, the financing parties
848	or their representatives may exercise the rights and
849	remedies available to a secured party under the code,
850	including the rights and remedies available under part 6 of
851	article 9 of the code. The commission may also order
852	amounts arising from securitized utility tariff charges be
853	transferred to a separate account for the financing parties'
854	benefit, to which their lien and security interest shall
855	apply. On application by or on behalf of the financing
856	parties, the circuit court for the county or city in which
857	the electrical corporation's headquarters is located shall
858	order the sequestration and payment to them of revenues
859	arising from the securitized utility tariff charges.
860	(3) (a) Any sale, assignment, or other transfer of
861	securitized utility tariff property shall be an absolute
862	transfer and true sale of, and not a pledge of or secured
863	transaction relating to, the seller's right, title, and
864	interest in, to, and under the securitized utility tariff
865	property if the documents governing the transaction

866	expressly state that the transaction is a sale or other
867	absolute transfer other than for federal and state income
868	tax purposes. For all purposes other than federal and state
869	income tax purposes, the parties' characterization of a
870	transaction as a sale of an interest in securitized utility
871	tariff property shall be conclusive that the transaction is
872	a true sale and that ownership has passed to the party
873	characterized as the purchaser, regardless of whether the
874	purchaser has possession of any documents evidencing or
875	pertaining to the interest. A sale or similar outright
876	transfer of an interest in securitized utility tariff
877	property may occur only when all of the following have
878	occurred:
879	a. The financing order creating the securitized
880	utility tariff property has become effective;
881	b. The documents evidencing the transfer of
882	securitized utility tariff property have been executed by
883	the assignor and delivered to the assignee; and
884	c. Value is received for the securitized utility
885	tariff property.
886	After such a transaction, the securitized utility tariff
887	property is not subject to any claims of the transferor or
888	the transferor's creditors, other than creditors holding a
889	prior security interest in the securitized utility tariff
890	property perfected in accordance with this section.
891	(b) The characterization of the sale, assignment, or
892	other transfer as an absolute transfer and true sale and the
893	corresponding characterization of the property interest of
894	the purchaser, shall not be affected or impaired by the
895	occurrence of any of the following factors:
896	a. Commingling of securitized utility tariff charges
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897 with other amounts;

898	b. The retention by the seller of (i) a partial or
899	residual interest, including an equity interest, in the
900	securitized utility tariff property, whether direct or
901	indirect, or whether subordinate or otherwise, or (ii) the
902	right to recover costs associated with taxes, franchise
903	fees, or license fees imposed on the collection of
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904 905	securitized utility tariff charges;
905 906	c. Any recourse that the purchaser may have against
	the seller;
907	d. Any indemnification rights, obligations, or
908	repurchase rights made or provided by the seller;
909	e. The obligation of the seller to collect securitized
910	utility tariff charges on behalf of an assignee;
911	f. The transferor acting as the servicer of the
912	securitized utility tariff charges or the existence of any
913	contract that authorizes or requires the electrical
914	corporation, to the extent that any interest in securitized
915	utility tariff property is sold or assigned, to contract
916	with the assignee or any financing party that it will
917	continue to operate its system to provide service to its
918	customers, will collect amounts in respect of the
919	securitized utility tariff charges for the benefit and
920	account of such assignee or financing party, and will
921	account for and remit such amounts to or for the account of
922	such assignee or financing party;
923	g. The treatment of the sale, conveyance, assignment,
924	or other transfer for tax, financial reporting, or other
925	purposes;
926	h. The granting or providing to bondholders a
927	preferred right to the securitized utility tariff property
928	or credit enhancement by the electrical corporation or its
929	affiliates with respect to such securitized utility tariff

931	i. Any application of the formula-based true-up
932	mechanism as provided in this section.
933	(c) Any right that an electrical corporation has in
934	the securitized utility tariff property before its pledge,
935	sale, or transfer or any other right created under this
936	section or created in the financing order and assignable
937	under this section or assignable pursuant to a financing
938	order is property in the form of a contract right or a chose
939	in action. Transfer of an interest in securitized utility
940	tariff property to an assignee is enforceable only upon the
941	later of:
942	a. The issuance of a financing order;
943	b. The assignor having rights in such securitized
944	utility tariff property or the power to transfer rights in
945	such securitized utility tariff property to an assignee;
946	c. The execution and delivery by the assignor of
947	transfer documents in connection with the issuance of
948	securitized utility tariff bonds; and
949	d. The receipt of value for the securitized utility
950	tariff property.
951	An enforceable transfer of an interest in securitized
952	utility tariff property to an assignee is perfected against
953	all third parties, including subsequent judicial or other
954	lien creditors, when a notice of that transfer has been
955	given by the filing of a financing statement in accordance
956	with subsection 7 of this section. The transfer is
957	perfected against third parties as of the date of filing.
958	(d) The priority of a transfer perfected under this
959	section is not impaired by any later modification of the
960	financing order or securitized utility tariff property or by
961	the commingling of funds arising from securitized utility
962	tariff property with other funds. Any other security
963	interest that may apply to those funds, other than a

964 security interest perfected under this section, is 965 terminated when they are transferred to a segregated account 966 for the assignee or a financing party. If securitized utility tariff property has been transferred to an assignee 967 or financing party, any proceeds of that property shall be 968 969 held in trust for the assignee or financing party. The priority of the conflicting interests of 970 (e) 971 assignees in the same interest or rights in any securitized 972 utility tariff property is determined as follows: 973 a. Conflicting perfected interests or rights of 974 assignees rank according to priority in time of perfection. 975 Priority dates from the time a filing covering the transfer 976 is made in accordance with subsection 7 of this section; 977 b. A perfected interest or right of an assignee has 978 priority over a conflicting unperfected interest or right of 979 an assignee; 980 c. A perfected interest or right of an assignee has 981 priority over a person who becomes a lien creditor after the 982 perfection of such assignee's interest or right. 983 6. The description of securitized utility tariff property being transferred to an assignee in any sale 984 985 agreement, purchase agreement, or other transfer agreement, 986 granted or pledged to a pledgee in any security agreement, 987 pledge agreement, or other security document, or indicated 988 in any financing statement is only sufficient if such 989 description or indication refers to the financing order that 990 created the securitized utility tariff property and states that the agreement or financing statement covers all or part 991 of the property described in the financing order. This 992 993 section applies to all purported transfers of, and all 994 purported grants or liens or security interests in, securitized utility tariff property, regardless of whether 995 996 the related sale agreement, purchase agreement, other

997 transfer agreement, security agreement, pledge agreement, or 998 other security document was entered into, or any financing 999 statement was filed. 7. The secretary of state shall maintain any financing 1000 1001 statement filed to perfect a sale or other transfer of 1002 securitized utility tariff property and any security 1003 interest in securitized utility tariff property under this 1004 section in the same manner that the secretary of state 1005 maintains financing statements filed under the code to 1006 perfect a security interest in collateral owned by a transmitting utility. Except as otherwise provided in this 1007 1008 section, all financing statements filed pursuant to this 1009 section shall be governed by the provisions regarding 1010 financing statements and the filing thereof under the code, 1011 including part 5 of article 9 of the code. A security 1012 interest in securitized utility tariff property may be 1013 perfected only by the filing of a financing statement in 1014 accordance with this section, and no other method of 1015 perfection shall be effective. Notwithstanding any provision of the code to the contrary, a financing statement 1016 1017 filed pursuant to this section is effective until a termination statement is filed under the code, and no 1018 continuation statement need be filed to maintain its 1019 1020 effectiveness. A financing statement filed pursuant to this 1021 section may indicate that the debtor is a transmitting 1022 utility, and without regard to whether the debtor is an 1023 electrical corporation, an assignee or otherwise qualifies as a transmitting utility under the code, but the failure to 1024 make such indication shall not impair the duration and 1025 1026 effectiveness of the financing statement. 1027 The law governing the validity, enforceability, 8. attachment, perfection, priority, and exercise of remedies 1028 1029 with respect to the transfer of an interest or right or the

1030 pledge or creation of a security interest in any securitized 1031 utility tariff property shall be the laws of this state. 1032 9. Neither the state nor its political subdivisions are liable on any securitized utility tariff bonds, and the 1033 1034 bonds are not a debt or a general obligation of the state or 1035 any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, nor are they special obligations or 1036 indebtedness of the state or any agency or political 1037 subdivision. An issue of securitized utility tariff bonds 1038 1039 does not, directly, indirectly, or contingently, obligate the state or any agency, political subdivision, or 1040 1041 instrumentality of the state to levy any tax or make any 1042 appropriation for payment of the securitized utility tariff 1043 bonds, other than in their capacity as consumers of 1044 electricity. All securitized utility tariff bonds shall 1045 contain on the face thereof a statement to the following 1046 effect: "Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing 1047 power of the state of Missouri is pledged to the payment of 1048 the principal of, or interest on, this bond." 1049 10. All of the following entities may legally invest 1050 any sinking funds, moneys, or other funds in securitized utility tariff bonds: 1051 (1) Subject to applicable statutory restrictions on 1052 1053 state or local investment authority, the state, units of local government, political subdivisions, public bodies, and 1054 1055 public officers, except for members of the commission, the 1056 commission's technical advisory and other staff, or employees of the office of the public counsel; 1057 (2) Banks and bankers, savings and loan associations, 1058 1059 credit unions, trust companies, savings banks and 1060 institutions, investment companies, insurance companies, insurance associations, and other persons carrying on a 1061 1062 banking or insurance business;

1063 (3) Personal representatives, guardians, trustees, and 1064 other fiduciaries; 1065 (4) All other persons authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of a similar nature. 1066 1067 11. (1) The state and its agencies, including the 1068 commission, pledge and agree with bondholders, the owners of the securitized utility tariff property, and other financing 1069 1070 parties that the state and its agencies will not take any action listed in this subdivision. This subdivision does 1071 1072 not preclude limitation or alteration if full compensation is made by law for the full protection of the securitized 1073 1074 utility tariff charges collected pursuant to a financing 1075 order and of the bondholders and any assignee or financing 1076 party entering into a contract with the electrical 1077 corporation. The prohibited actions are as follows: 1078 (a) Alter the provisions of this section, which 1079 authorize the commission to create an irrevocable contract 1080 right or chose in action by the issuance of a financing order, to create securitized utility tariff property, and 1081 1082 make the securitized utility tariff charges imposed by a financing order irrevocable, binding, or nonbypassable 1083 charges for all existing and future retail customers of the 1084 electrical corporation except its existing special contract 1085 1086 customers; 1087 (b) Take or permit any action that impairs or would 1088 impair the value of securitized utility tariff property or 1089 the security for the securitized utility tariff bonds or revises the securitized utility tariff costs for which 1090 recovery is authorized; 1091 1092 (c) In any way impair the rights and remedies of the 1093 bondholders, assignees, and other financing parties; Except for changes made pursuant to the formula-1094 (d) 1095 based true-up mechanism authorized under this section,

1096	reduce, alter, or impair securitized utility tariff charges
1097	that are to be imposed, billed, charged, collected, and
1098	remitted for the benefit of the bondholders, any assignee,
1099	and any other financing parties until any and all principal,
1100	interest, premium, financing costs and other fees, expenses,
1101	or charges incurred, and any contracts to be performed, in
1102	connection with the related securitized utility tariff bonds
1103	have been paid and performed in full.
1104	(2) Any person or entity that issues securitized
1105	utility tariff bonds may include the language specified in
1106	this subsection in the securitized utility tariff bonds and
1107	related documentation.
1108	12. An assignee or financing party is not an
1109	electrical corporation or person providing electric service
1110	by virtue of engaging in the transactions described in this
1111	section.
1112	13. If there is a conflict between this section and
1113	any other law regarding the attachment, assignment, or
1114	perfection, or the effect of perfection, or priority of,
1114 1115	perfection, or the effect of perfection, or priority of, assignment or transfer of, or security interest in
1115	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in
1115 1116	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall
1115 1116 1117	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern.
1115 1116 1117 1118	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. 14. If any provision of this section is held invalid
1115 1116 1117 1118 1119	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. <u>14. If any provision of this section is held invalid</u> or is invalidated, superseded, replaced, repealed, or
1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. <u>14. If any provision of this section is held invalid</u> or is invalidated, superseded, replaced, repealed, or expires for any reason, that occurrence does not affect the
1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120 1121	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. <u>14. If any provision of this section is held invalid</u> or is invalidated, superseded, replaced, repealed, or expires for any reason, that occurrence does not affect the validity of any action allowed under this section which is
1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120 1121 1122	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. <u>14. If any provision of this section is held invalid</u> or is invalidated, superseded, replaced, repealed, or expires for any reason, that occurrence does not affect the validity of any action allowed under this section which is taken by an electrical corporation, an assignee, a financing
1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120 1121 1122 1123	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. <u>14. If any provision of this section is held invalid</u> or is invalidated, superseded, replaced, repealed, or expires for any reason, that occurrence does not affect the validity of any action allowed under this section which is taken by an electrical corporation, an assignee, a financing party, a collection agent, or a party to an ancillary
1115 1116 1117 1118 1119 1120 1121 1122 1123 1124	assignment or transfer of, or security interest in securitized utility tariff property, this section shall govern. 14. If any provision of this section is held invalid or is invalidated, superseded, replaced, repealed, or expires for any reason, that occurrence does not affect the validity of any action allowed under this section which is taken by an electrical corporation, an assignee, a financing party, a collection agent, or a party to an ancillary agreement; and any such action remains in full force and

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1129 expires for any reason.

	393.1705. 1. For purposes of this section, the term
2	"replacement resources" shall mean:
3	(1) Renewable generation facilities which produce
4	electric energy from wind, solar thermal sources,
5	photovoltaic cells and panels, dedicated crops grown for
6	energy production, cellulosic agricultural residues, plant
7	residues, methane from landfills, from agricultural
8	operations, or from wastewater treatment, thermal
9	depolymerization or pyrolysis for converting waste material
10	to energy, clean and untreated wood such as pallets,
11	hydropower, not including pumped storage, that does not
12	require a new diversion or impoundment of water and that has
13	a nameplate rating of ten megawatts or less, and fuel cells
14	using hydrogen produced by one of the above-named
15	replacement sources;
16	(2) Generation facilities which produce electric
17	energy from natural gas that enable the electrical
18	corporation to:
19	(a) Provide electric energy when renewable generation
20	facilities and energy storage facilities are insufficient to
21	meet the needs of the electrical corporation's system;
22	(b) Meet requirements of the electrical corporation's
23	regional transmission organization; or
24	(c) Serve the objectives of both paragraphs (a) and
25	(b) of this subdivision;
26	(3) Energy storage facilities that enable the
27	electrical corporation to:
28	(a) Provide electric energy when renewable generation
29	facilities are not generating electric energy in sufficient
30	quantities to meet the needs of the electrical corporation's
31	system;

32	(b) Meet requirements of the electrical corporation's
33	regional transmission organization; or
34	(c) Serve the objectives of both paragraphs (a) and
35	(b) of this subdivision; and
36	(4) Transmission facilities that enable the delivery
37	of electric energy from renewable generation facilities or
38	energy storage facilities, including but not limited to,
39	interconnection, network upgrades, voltage and reactive
40	power support, and transmission facilities needed to
41	maintain reliability as a result of the retirement of
42	generation facilities.
43	2. If requested by an electrical corporation in a
44	petition filed concurrently with a petition filed under
45	subsection 2 of section 393.1700 to recover securitized
46	utility tariff costs and notwithstanding any other provision
47	of chapter 386 or 393 to the contrary, including section
48	393.170 which section shall not apply to the construction of
49	replacement resources as defined in subsection 1 of this
50	section:
51	(1) Except for electric generating facilities retired
52	or abandoned prior to August 28, 2021, unless the commission
53	issues an order rejecting a petition for a financing order
54	filed under the provisions of section 393.1700 that was
55	accompanied by a petition for approval of investment in
56	replacement resources filed under the provisions of this
57	section, the commission shall approve investment in
58	replacement resources by the electrical corporation of an
59	amount that is approximately equal to the undepreciated
60	investment in the electric generating facilities covered by
61	such petition to acquire or build an existing or new
62	replacement resource to replace the retired or abandoned or
63	to be retired or abandoned unit. There is no requirement
64	that the replacement resource's capacity or energy

65 production match the energy or capacity production of the retired or abandoned unit. Such approval shall constitute 66 67 an affirmative and binding determination by the commission, to be applied in all subsequent proceedings respecting the 68 69 rates of the electrical corporation, that such investment is 70 prudent and reasonable, that the replacement resource is necessary for the electrical corporation's provision of 71 72 electric service to its customers, and that such investment shall be reflected in the revenue requirement used to set 73 74 the electrical corporation's base rates, subject only to the commission's authority to determine that the electrical 75 76 corporation did not manage or execute the project in a 77 reasonable and prudent manner in some respect and its authority to disallow for ratemaking purposes only that 78 79 portion of the investment that would not have been incurred 80 had the unreasonable or imprudent management or execution of 81 the project not occurred; and The commission shall create a deferral mechanism 82 (2) 83 by which the electrical corporation shall defer, to a regulatory asset or regulatory liability as appropriate, the 84 changes in the electrical corporation's revenue requirement 85 used to last set its base rates as specified in this 86 subdivision. Such changes shall be deferred during the 87 period starting on the date of retirement or abandonment of 88 the subject unit and ending when the base rates of the 89 90 electrical corporation that is the subject of the petition 91 are changed as the result of a general rate proceeding where the rate base cutoff date in that general rate proceeding 92 occurs on or after the retirement or abandonment. For 93 94 purposes of this subdivision, the changes in the electrical corporation's revenue requirement that shall be deferred 95 96 shall only consist of:

97	(a) Changes in depreciation expense associated with
98	the retired or abandoned unit;
99	(b) Changes in labor and benefit costs for employees
100	or contractors no longer employed or retained by the
101	electrical corporation who formerly worked at the retired or
102	abandoned unit, net of severance and relocation costs of the
103	electrical corporation paid to such employees or contractors;
104	(c) Changes in nonlabor, nonfuel operations, and
105	maintenance costs caused by the retirement or abandonment of
106	the unit;
107	(d) The return on the retired or abandoned unit once
108	it is removed from plant-in-service on the electrical
109	corporation's books at the electrical corporation's weighted
110	average cost of capital, plus applicable federal, state, and
111	local income or excise taxes, used to establish the
112	electrical corporation's revenue requirement last used to
113	set its base rates;
114	(e) Depreciation expense on the replacement resources
115	starting with the date it is recorded to plant-in-service on
116	the electrical corporation's books;
117	(f) Labor and benefits costs for employees or
118	contractors who work at the replacement resources;
119	(g) Nonlabor, nonfuel operations, and maintenance
120	costs of the replacement resources; and
121	(h) The return on the replacement resources once they
122	are recorded to plant-in-service on the electrical
123	corporation's books at the electrical corporation's weighted
124	average cost of capital, plus applicable federal, state, and
125	local income or excise taxes, used to establish the
126	electrical corporation's revenue requirement last used to
127	set its base rates.
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128	The base against which changes under paragraphs (a), (b),

129 and (c) of this subdivision shall be the values of each such

130 item used to set the electrical corporation's base electric 131 rates in its last general rate proceeding concluded prior to 132 the time the deferrals are made, provided, if the docketed record in such general rate proceeding does not specify one 133 134 or more necessary revenue requirement parameters to establish the base for paragraphs (a) to (c) of this 135 subdivision because of a "black box" settlement or 136 137 otherwise, the commission shall, in the docket created by a petition filed under this section and based on the docketed 138 139 record in such prior general rate proceeding, establish the missing parameters, which shall then be used to accomplish 140 the deferrals. The base with respect to paragraphs (e), 141 142 (f), and (g) of this subdivision shall be zero. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this 143 subdivision, deferrals created by this subdivision shall 144 145 cease on the effective date of rates from a base rate case 146 that shall be filed no later than one year after the subject 147 electric generating unit was retired or abandoned. For 148 purposes of this subdivision, the return in paragraphs (d) 149 and (h) shall equal the weighted average cost of capital used to set the electrical corporation's base electrical 150 rates in its last general rate proceeding concluded prior to 151 the time the deferrals are made, provided, if the docketed 152 153 record in such general rate proceeding does not specify one 154 or more necessary revenue requirement parameters to establish the base for an item because of a "black box" 155 156 settlement or otherwise, the commission shall, in the docket created by a petition filed under this section and based on 157 the docketed record in such general rate proceeding, 158 159 establish the missing parameters, which shall then be used 160 to accomplish the deferrals. The commission shall also create a deferral 161 (3) 162 mechanism by which the electrical corporation shall defer to 163 a regulatory asset the changes in the electrical 164 corporation's revenue requirement last used to set its base 165 rates as specified in this subdivision. Such changes shall be deferred during the period beginning on the date 166 167 deferrals cease under subdivision (2) of this subsection and 168 ending when the electrical corporation's base rates are next changed as a result of a general rate proceeding. For 169 purposes of this subdivision, such changes in the electrical 170 171 corporation's revenue requirement that shall be deferred 172 shall only consist of: 173 (a) Return on the replacement resources once they go 174 into service on the electrical corporation's books at the 175 electrical corporation's weighted average cost of capital, 176 plus applicable federal, state, and local income or excise 177 taxes, used to establish the electrical corporation's 178 revenue requirement last used to set its base rates; 179 (b) Depreciation expense on the replacement resources 180 starting with the date the replacement resource is recorded 181 to plant in-service on the electrical corporation's books; Increase in-labor and benefits costs for employees 182 (C) or contractors who work at the replacement resources; and 183 Increase in nonlabor, nonfuel operations, and 184 (d) maintenance costs of the replacement resources. 185 186 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, deferrals to the regulatory asset created by 187 188 this subdivision shall cease at the earlier of the date the electrical corporation's base rates are first changed after 189 190 the replacement resource is recorded to plant in service on 191 the electrical corporation's books where the rate base 192 cutoff date in that general rate proceeding occurred on or after the retirement or abandonment, or the effective date 193 194 of rates from a base rate case that shall be filed no later than one year after the unit was retired or abandoned. 195 Ιf

196 there is more than one replacement resource for the retired 197 or abandoned plant and if one or more such replacement 198 resource is placed in service prior to the rate base cutoff date in the general rate proceeding described in subdivision 199 200 (2) of this subsection, the deferrals called for under this 201 subdivision shall be reduced as needed to reflect that event. The base with respect to paragraphs (b) and (c) of 202 this subdivision shall be zero. For purposes of this 203 204 subdivision, the return in paragraph (a) shall equal the 205 weighted average cost of capital used to set the electrical corporation's base electric rates in its last general rate 206 207 proceeding concluded prior to the time the deferrals are 208 made, provided, if the docketed record in such general rate 209 proceeding does not specify one or more necessary revenue 210 requirement parameters to establish the base for an item 211 because of a "black box" settlement or otherwise, the 212 commission shall, in the docket created by a petition filed 213 under this section and based on the docketed record in such 214 prior general rate proceeding, establish the missing 215 parameters, which shall then be used to accomplish the 216 deferrals. 217 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 393.1400 to the contrary, a replacement resource shall not constitute 218 219 "qualifying electric plant" for purposes of section 220 393.1400, nor shall it constitute a renewable energy resource under section 393.1030, during the period when a 221 222 deferral is occurring under subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection. In addition, and notwithstanding the provisions 223 of section 393.1400 to the contrary, deferrals required by 224 this section relating to the electrical corporation's 225 undepreciated investment in the retired or abandoned unit 226 shall not constitute a change in accumulated depreciation 227

228 when determining the return deferred on qualifying electric 229 plant under section 393.1400.

230 (5) Parts of regulatory asset or liability balances 231 created under this section that are not yet being recovered 232 or returned through rates shall include carrying costs at 233 the electrical corporation's weighted average cost of capital last used to set its base electric service rates or, 234 235 if such cost of capital was not specified for the revenue 236 requirement last used to set such electric service rates at 237 the weighted average cost of capital determined by the commission under subdivision (3) of this subsection, in each 238 case plus applicable federal, state, and local income or 239 240 excise taxes. All regulatory asset or liability balances 241 from deferrals under this subsection shall be recovered in 242 base rates over a period equal to the remaining useful life 243 of the replacement resource.

244 (6) In each general rate proceeding concluded after a 245 deferral commences under subdivision (2) or (3) of this 246 subsection, the regulatory asset or liability balances arising from such deferrals, as of the rate base cutoff 247 date, shall be included in the electrical corporation's rate 248 249 base without any offset, reduction, or adjustment based upon consideration of any other factor, other than to reflect any 250 251 prudence disallowances ordered by the commission, with the 252 regulatory asset balances arising from such deferrals that 253 occur after the rate base cutoff date to be included in rate 254 base in the next general rate proceeding. The provisions of 255 this section shall not be construed to affect existing law respecting burdens of production and persuasion in general 256 257 rate proceedings. 258 3. Proceedings on a petition submitted pursuant to

- 259 this section begin with the filing of a petition by an
- 260 <u>electrical corporation under this section that is filed</u>

261	concurrently with a petition submitted under section
262	393.1700, and shall be disposed of in accordance with the
263	requirements of chapters 386 and 393 and the rules of the
264	commission, except as follows:
265	(1) The commission shall establish a procedural
266	schedule that permits a commission decision no later than
267	two hundred fifteen days after the date the petition is
268	filed. Such procedural schedule adopted by the commission
269	in connection with a petition filed under this section shall
270	contain the same milestones and requirements as the
271	procedural schedule adopted in a proceeding seeking approval
272	of a financing order under section 393.1700 and shall run
273	concurrently therewith;
274	(2) No later than two hundred fifteen days after the
275	date the petition is filed, the commission shall issue an
276	order approving the petition or, if it also rejects the
277	accompanying petition for a financing order filed under
278	section 393.1700, rejecting the petition. Judicial review
279	may be had only in accordance with sections 386.500 and
280	386.510.
	393.1715. 1. An electrical corporation may petition
2	the commission for a determination of the ratemaking
3	principles and treatment, as proposed by the electrical
4	corporation, that will apply to the reflection in base rates
5	of the electrical corporation's capital and noncapital costs
6	associated with the proposed retirement of one or more of
7	the electrical corporation's generating facilities. Without
8	limiting the foregoing, such principles and treatment may
9	also establish the retirement date and useful life
10	parameters used to set depreciation rates for such
11	facilities. Except as provided for in subsection 4 of this
12	section, the ratemaking principles and treatment approved by
13	the commission under this section for such facilities shall

14 apply to the determination of the revenue requirement in each of the electrical corporation's post-determination 15 16 general rate proceedings until such time as such facility is fully depreciated on the electrical corporation's books. 17 If the commission fails to issue a determination 18 2. within two hundred fifteen days that a petition for 19 determination of ratemaking principles and treatment is 20 filed, the ratemaking principles and treatment proposed by 21 22 the petitioning electrical corporation shall be deemed to 23 have been approved by the commission. Subject to the provisions of subsection 4 of this 24 3. 25 section, ratemaking principles and treatment approved by the 26 commission, or deemed to have been approved under subsection 2 of this section, shall be binding for ratemaking purposes. 27 4. (1) An electrical corporation with ratemaking 28 29 principles and treatment approved by the commission, or 30 deemed to have been approved under subsection 2 of this 31 section, shall monitor the major factors and circumstances 32 relating to the facility to which such principles and treatment apply. Such factors and circumstances include, 33 but are not limited to: 34 35 (a) Terrorist activity or an act of God; (b) A significant change in federal or state tax laws; 36 37 (c) A significant change in federal utility laws or regulations or a significant change in generally accepted 38 39 accounting principles; 40 (d) An unexpected, extended outage or shutdown of a major generating unit, other than any major generating unit 41 shut down due to an extended outage at the time of the 42 approval of the ratemaking principles and treatment; 43 (e) A significant change in the cost or reliability of 44 45 power generation technologies;

46	(f) A significant change in fuel prices and wholesale
47	electric market conditions;
48	(g) A significant change in the cost or effectiveness
49	of emission control technologies;
50	(h) A significant change in the price of emission
51	allowances;
52	(i) A significant change in the electrical
53	corporation's load forecast;
54	(j) A significant change in capital market conditions;
55	(k) A significant change in the scope or effective
56	dates of environmental regulations; or
57	(1) A significant change in federal or state
58	environmental laws.
59	(2) If the electrical corporation determines that one
60	or more major factor or circumstance has changed in a manner
61	that warrants a change in the approved ratemaking principles
62	and treatment, then it shall file a notice in the docket in
63	which the approved ratemaking principles and treatment were
64	established within forty-five days of any such
65	determination. In its notification, the electrical
66	corporation shall:
67	(a) Explain and specify the changes it contends are
68	appropriate to the ratemaking principles and treatment and
69	the reasons for the proposed changes;
70	(b) Provide a description of the alternatives that it
71	evaluated and the process that it went through in developing
72	its proposed changes; and
73	(c) Provide detailed workpapers that support the
74	evaluation and the process whereby proposed changes were
75	developed.
76	(3) If a party has concerns regarding the proposed
77	changes, that party shall file a notice of its concerns
78	within thirty days of the electrical corporation's filing.

79 If the parties agree on a resolution of the concerns, the 80 agreement shall be submitted to the commission for approval. 81 If the parties do not reach agreement on changes to the ratemaking principles and treatment within ninety days of 82 the date the electrical corporation filed its notice, 83 84 whether the previously approved ratemaking and treatment will be changed shall be determined by the commission. If a 85 86 party to the docket in which the approved ratemaking 87 principles and treatment were approved believes that one or 88 more major factor or circumstance has changed in a manner that warrants a change in the approved ratemaking principles 89 90 and treatment and if the electrical corporation does not 91 agree the principles and treatment should be changed, such 92 party shall file a notice in the docket in which the approved ratemaking principles and treatment were 93 94 established within forty-five days of any such 95 determination. In its notification, such party shall: 96 Explain and specify the changes it contends are (a) 97 appropriate to the ratemaking principles and treatment and the reasons for the proposed changes; 98 99 (b) Provide a description of the alternatives that it 100 evaluated and the process that it went through in developing 101 its proposed changes; and 102 (c) Provide detailed workpapers that support the evaluation and the process whereby proposed changes were 103 104 developed. (4) If a party, including the electrical corporation, 105 106 has concerns regarding the proposed changes, that party shall file a notice of its concerns within thirty days of 107 108 the other party's filing. If the parties do not reach 109 agreement on changes to the ratemaking principles and treatment within ninety days of the date the notice was 110 111 filed, whether the previously approved ratemaking and

112 treatment will be changed shall be determined by the 113 commission. 114 5. A determination of ratemaking principles and treatment under this section does not preclude an electrical 115 corporation from also petitioning the commission under 116 either or both of sections 393.1700 and 393.1705, provided 117 that any costs to which such ratemaking principles and 118 119 treatment would have applied in the electrical corporation's 120 general rate proceedings which become funded by securitized 121 utility tariff bond proceeds from a securitized utility 122 tariff bond issued under section 393.1700 shall not 123 thereafter be reflected in the electrical corporation's base 124 rates. 125 6. If determined by the commission to be just, 126 reasonable, and necessary for the provision of safe and 127 adequate service, the electrical corporation may be 128 permitted to retain coal-fired generating assets in rate 129 base and recover costs associated with operating the coal-130 fired assets that remain in service to provide greater 131 certainty that generating capacity will be available to provide essential service to customers, including during 132 extreme weather events, and the commission shall not 133 disallow any portion of such cost recovery on the basis that 134 135 such coal-fired generating assets operate at a low capacity factor, or are off-line and providing capacity only, during 136 137 normal operating conditions. 138 7. The commission may promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of sections 393.1700 to 393.1715. 139 Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in 140 141 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it 142 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of 143 144 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This

145 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the
146 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter
147 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove
148 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,
149 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed
150 or adopted after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

No person shall become a member of a 394.120. 1. 2 cooperative unless such person shall agree to use electric 3 energy furnished by the cooperative when such electric 4 energy shall be available through its facilities. The bylaws of a cooperative may provide that any person, 5 6 including an incorporator, shall cease to be a member thereof if he or she shall fail or refuse to use electric 7 8 energy made available by the cooperative or if electric 9 energy shall not be made available to such person by the cooperative within a specified time after such person shall 10 have become a member thereof. Membership in the cooperative 11 shall not be transferable, except as provided in the bylaws. 12 The bylaws may prescribe additional qualifications and 13 limitations in respect of membership. 14

15 2. An annual meeting of the members shall be held at16 such time as shall be provided in the bylaws.

3. Special meetings of the members may be called by
the board of directors, by any three directors, by not less
than ten percent of the members, or by the president.

4. Meetings of members shall be held at such place as
may be provided in the bylaws. In the absence of any such
provisions, all meetings shall be held in the city or town
in which the principal office of the cooperative is located.

5. Except as herein otherwise provided, written or printed notice stating the time and place of each meeting of members and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given

28 to each member, either personally or by mail, not less than 29 ten nor more than twenty-five days before the date of the 30 meeting.

Two percent of the first two thousand members and 31 6. one percent of the remaining members, present in person, or 32 if the bylaws so provide, participating electronically or by 33 34 mail, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of 35 business at all meetings of the members, unless the bylaws prescribe the presence of a greater percentage of the 36 37 members for a quorum. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may 38 adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. 39

Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each 40 7. matter submitted to a vote at a meeting. Voting shall be in 41 person, but, if the bylaws so provide, may also be by proxy, 42 by electronic means, by mail, or any combination thereof. 43 If the bylaws provide for voting by proxy, by electronic 44 45 means, or by mail, they shall also prescribe the conditions 46 under which proxy, electronic, or mail voting shall be exercised. In any event, no person shall vote as proxy for 47 more than two members at any meeting of the members. 48

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 2 and 49 7 of this section, the board of directors shall have the 50 power to set the time and place of the annual meeting and 51 also to provide for voting by proxy, electronic means, by 52 mail, or any combination thereof, and to prescribe the 53 54 conditions under which such voting shall be exercised. The meeting requirement provided in this section may be 55 satisfied through virtual means. The provisions of this 56 57 subsection shall expire on August 28, 2022.

400.9-109. (a) Except as otherwise provided in 2 subsections (c) and (d), this article applies to:

3 (1) A transaction, regardless of its form, that creates a security interest in personal property or fixtures 4 5 by contract;

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An agricultural lien; (2)

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A sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment (3)

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intangibles, or promissory notes;

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(4) A consignment;

10 (5) A security interest arising under section 400.2-401, 400.2-505, 400.2-711(3) or 400.2A-508(5), as provided 11 12 in section 400.9-110; and

(6) A security interest arising under section 400.4-13 210 or 400.5-118. 14

(b) The application of this article to a security 15 interest in a secured obligation is not affected by the fact 16 that the obligation is itself secured by a transaction or 17 interest to which this article does not apply. 18

This article does not apply to the extent that: 19 (C)

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A statute, regulation, or treaty of the United (1)21 States preempts this article;

22 (2)Another statute of this state expressly governs the creation, perfection, priority, or enforcement of a 23 security interest created by this state or a governmental 24 unit of this state; 25

26 (3) A statute of another state, a foreign country, or a governmental unit of another state or a foreign country, 27 28 other than a statute generally applicable to security 29 interests, expressly governs creation, perfection, priority, or enforcement of a security interest created by the state, 30 31 country, or governmental unit; or

The rights of a transferee beneficiary or 32 (4) nominated person under a letter of credit are independent 33 and superior under section 400.5-114. 34

35 (d) This article does not apply to:

36 (1) A landlord's lien, other than an agricultural lien;
37 (2) A lien, other than an agricultural lien, given by
38 statute or other rule of law for services or materials, but
39 section 400.9-333 applies with respect to priority of the
40 lien;

41 (3) An assignment of a claim for wages, salary, or42 other compensation of an employee;

43 (4) A sale of accounts, chattel paper, payment
44 intangibles, or promissory notes as part of a sale of the
45 business out of which they arose;

46 (5) An assignment of accounts, chattel paper, payment
47 intangibles, or promissory notes which is for the purpose of
48 collection only;

49 (6) An assignment of a right to payment under a
50 contract to an assignee that is also obligated to perform
51 under the contract;

52 (7) An assignment of a single account, payment
53 intangible, or promissory note to an assignee in full or
54 partial satisfaction of a preexisting indebtedness;

(8) A transfer of an interest in or an assignment of a
claim under a policy of insurance, other than an assignment
by or to a health-care provider of a health-care-insurance
receivable and any subsequent assignment of the right to
payment, but sections 400.9-315 and 400.9-322 apply with
respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds;

61 (9) An assignment of a right represented by a
62 judgment, other than a judgment taken on a right to payment
63 that was collateral;

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(10) A right of recoupment or set-off, but:

65 (A) Section 400.9-340 applies with respect to the
66 effectiveness of rights of recoupment or set-off against
67 deposit accounts; and

68 (B) Section 400.9-404 applies with respect to defenses69 or claims of an account debtor;

(11) The creation or transfer of an interest in or
lien on real property, including a lease or rents
thereunder, except to the extent that provision is made for:
(A) Liens on real property in sections 400.9-203 and
400.9-308;

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(B) Fixtures in section 400.9-334;

76 (C) Fixture filings in sections 400.9-501, 400.9-502,
77 400.9-512, 400.9-516 and 400.9-519; and

78 (D) Security agreements covering personal and real79 property in section 400.9-604;

80 (12) An assignment of a claim arising in tort, other
81 than a commercial tort claim, but sections 400.9-315 and
82 400.9-322 apply with respect to proceeds and priorities in
83 proceeds; [or]

84 (13) An assignment of a deposit account in a consumer
85 transaction, but sections 400.9-315 and 400.9-322 apply with
86 respect to proceeds and priorities in proceeds; [or]

87 (14) An assignment of a claim or right to receive
88 compensation for injuries or sickness as described in 26
89 U.S.C. Section 104(a)(1) or (2), as amended from time to
90 time; [or]

91 (15) An assignment of a claim or right to receive
92 benefits under a special needs trust as described in 42
93 U.S.C. Section 1396p(d)(4), as amended from time to time;
94 [or]

95 (16) A transfer by a government or governmental 96 subdivision or agency; or

97 (17) The creation, attachment, perfection, priority,
98 or enforcement of any security interest in, or the sale,
99 assignment, or other transfer of, any securitized utility
100 tariff property as defined in section 393.1700, or any

- 101 interest therein or any portion thereof, in each case except
- 102 as otherwise expressly provided in section 393.1700.