

HCS HB 1753 -- CLOSURE OF ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS (Pollitt)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Utilities

This bill specifies that prior to the closure of an existing electric generating power plant, an electrical corporation, registered and doing business in Missouri, must first certify that it has secured and placed on the electric grid an equal or greater than the amount of replacement reliable electric generation as specified in the bill. Adequate transmission lines must be in place and the replacement generation fully operational concurrently with the closure of the existing electric generating plant.

If the replacement electric generation uses some or all of the interconnection facilities used by the existing generation plant, the replacement facilities must be operational within 180 days of the closure of the existing plant. If the existing plant is closed as a result of an unexpected or unplanned cause or event, the electrical corporation must follow the procedures established in the bill, including filing an application with the Public Service Commission outlining its plan to install replacement reliable electric generation. During any periods where the replacement power is not fully operational, the electrical corporation must make all reasonable efforts to contract for additional firm generating capacity to meet the planning reserve margin requirement of the regional transmission operator.

The bill also specifies that the average of the summer and winter accredited capacity of the new generation must be greater or equal to the average of the summer and winter accredited capacity of the existing generation. The Public Service Commission must certify that these requirements are met.

Before the official date of the existing electric generating power plant closure, the electric utility company must provide certification to the Commission, the General Assembly, and the Governor that it has met the necessary requirements.

The bill has an emergency clause.