

HB 569 -- DEFERRALS BY ELECTRICAL CORPORATIONS

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The bill removes "new natural gas units" from the definition of "qualifying electric plant" for the purposes of certain deferrals by electrical corporations.

Currently an electrical corporations must defer to a regulatory asset 85% of all depreciation expense and return associated with all qualifying electric plant recorded to plant-in-service on the utility's books. The bill increases the required deferral to 90%.

The cost of investments in new generating units and energy storage systems are excluded from the total investments reflected in each year's capital investment plan for which required investments in grid modernization projects are determined.

The bill extends the sunset date of certain provisions relating to deferrals by electrical corporations from December 31, 2028 to December 31, 2035. The deadline to file an application seeking permission from the Public Service Commission relating to deferrals will be extended from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2033.

Provisions relating to electrical corporations seeking deferrals expires on December 31, 2040, instead of on December 31, 2033.