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To: House Bill No. 7036 File No. 454 Cal. No. 582

(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF FUEL CELLS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BENEFITS AND RELIABILITY."

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After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 16-244c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) (1) On and after January 1, 2007, each electric distribution company shall provide electric generation services through standard service to any customer who (A) does not arrange for or is not receiving electric generation services from an electric supplier, and (B) does not use a demand meter or has a maximum demand of less than five hundred kilowatts.

(2) Not later than October 1, 2006, and periodically as required by
subdivision (3) of this subsection, but not more often than every 
calendar quarter, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall 
establish the standard service price for such customers pursuant to 
subdivision (3) of this subsection. Each electric distribution company 
shall recover the actual net costs of procuring and providing electric 
generation services pursuant to this subsection, provided such 
company mitigates the costs it incurs for the procurement of electric 
generation services for customers who are no longer receiving service 
pursuant to this subsection.

(3) An electric distribution company providing electric generation 
services pursuant to this subsection shall cooperate with the 
procurement manager of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and 
comply with the procurement plan for electric generation services 
contracts. Such plan shall require (A) that the portfolio of service 
contracts be procured in such manner and duration as the authority 
determines to be most likely to produce just, reasonable and 
reasonably stable retail rates while reflecting underlying wholesale 
market prices over time, and (B) the electric distribution company to 
procure generation equal to seven and one-half megawatts of electric 
capacity from a biomass facility that is a Class I renewable energy 
source. The portfolio of contracts shall be assembled in such manner as 
to invite competition; guard against favoritism, improvidence, 
extravagance, fraud and corruption; and secure a reliable electricity 
supply while avoiding unusual, anomalous or excessive pricing. An 
affiliate of an electric distribution company may bid for an electric 
generation services contract, provided such electric distribution 
company and affiliate are in compliance with the code of conduct 
established in section 16-244h.

(4) The procurement manager of the Public Utilities Regulatory 
Authority may retain the services of entities as it sees fit to assist with 
the procurement of electric generation services for standard service. 
Costs associated with the retention of such third-party entity shall be 
included in the cost of standard service.
(5) For standard service contracts procured prior to the authority's approval of the Procurement Plan, each bidder for a standard service contract shall submit its bid to the electric distribution company and the third-party entity who shall jointly review the bids and submit an overview of all bids together with a joint recommendation to the authority as to the preferred bidders. The authority may, within ten business days of submission of the overview, reject the recommendation regarding preferred bidders. In the event that the authority rejects the preferred bids, the electric distribution company and the third-party entity shall rebid the service pursuant to this subdivision. The authority shall review each bid in an uncontested proceeding that shall include a public hearing and in which any interested person, including, but not limited to, the Consumer Counsel, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or the Attorney General, may participate."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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