

SENATE FILE NO. SF0094

Study on recapture of value added energy resources.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Mockler, Case, Decaria and Massie
and Representative(s) Diercks and McOmie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to electrical generation and transmission;
2 providing for a study of the electrical industry in this
3 state as specified; requiring a report; providing an
4 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) The University of Wyoming School of Energy
11 Resources shall conduct a study of the electrical industry
12 in the state of Wyoming and the surrounding region. The
13 study shall:

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15 (i) Review Wyoming's current electrical
16 production capacity and estimate any changes in that

1 capacity which may occur as the result of new technologies
2 or by developing alternate electric sources including
3 solar, wind and geothermal sources;

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5 (ii) Review Wyoming's projected needs for future
6 interstate and intrastate electrical generation
7 transmission;

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9 (iii) Review the volume of in-state and
10 interstate use of electricity and the generation capacity
11 of electricity in this state in light of the amount of
12 electricity that is exported from this state;

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14 (iv) Review the economic impacts of:

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16 (A) The number of jobs that are generated
17 by the construction of electrical generation facilities in
18 this state during and after construction;

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20 (B) The amount of ad valorem property taxes
21 paid by electrical generation companies and the entire
22 electrical generation industry in this state;

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1 (C) The amount of taxes paid regionally and
2 the amount of taxes received by this state;

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4 (D) The potential impact of an electrical
5 generation tax.

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7 (v) Review the possibility of new development
8 and the impacts of that development on land, air and water
9 quality;

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11 (vi) Review the potential impact that eminent
12 domain may have on electrical generation facility
13 development including land currently acquired by eminent
14 domain and the potential land to be acquired for new
15 electrical generation;

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17 (vii) Contain an analysis of value added return
18 on new electrical transmission in light of the potential
19 exportation of electricity from this state.

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21 (b) The department of revenue shall provide any
22 necessary administrative support for the study required by
23 subsection (a) of this section.

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1 (c) Following completion of the study, a report shall
2 be submitted to the joint minerals, business and economic
3 development and the joint revenue interim committees not
4 later than December 1, 2008.

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6 **Section 2.**

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8 (a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand
9 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the
10 University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources. This
11 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
12 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2009.

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14 (b) This appropriation shall only be expended for the
15 purpose of completing the study required by this act.
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
17 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
18 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
19 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
20 by law on June 30, 2009.

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22 (c) This appropriation shall not be included in the
23 University of Wyoming's standard biennial budget request.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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