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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE**
102 **PROCESS OF BIDDING BY ELECTRIC UTILITIES FOR THE**
103 **ACQUISITION OF NEW GENERATION FACILITIES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill directs the public utilities commission to adopt rules requiring investor-owned electric utilities to provide the owners of electric generating facilities with access to any modeling inputs and assumptions used by the utilities in bidding for acquisitions that directly

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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relate to the owners' facilities.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 40-6-107, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **40-6-107. Production of documents - transparency in planning**
5 **for future acquisitions - rules.** (1) The commission may require, by
6 order served on any public utility in the manner provided in section
7 40-6-102 for the service of orders, the production within this state at such
8 time and place as it may designate, of any records and documents kept by
9 ~~said~~ THE public utility in any office or place ~~without~~ OUTSIDE OF this state,
10 or, at its option, verified copies in lieu thereof, so that an examination
11 ~~thereof~~ OF THE RECORDS OR DOCUMENTS may be made by the commission
12 or under its direction.

13 (2) (a) TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE ACQUISITION OF POWER
14 GENERATION RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF COLORADO RATEPAYERS
15 AND TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPETITIVE BIDDING
16 PROCESSES, THE COMMISSION SHALL, WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE
17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), COMMENCE A RULE-MAKING
18 PROCEEDING TO ADOPT RULES, APPLICABLE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
19 THIS SUBSECTION (2), TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC UTILITY THAT IS
20 EVALUATING OR HAS EVALUATED AN EXISTING OR PROPOSED ELECTRIC
21 GENERATING FACILITY AS A POTENTIAL RESOURCE, WHETHER IN
22 CONNECTION WITH A COMMISSION PROCEEDING OR OTHERWISE, TO
23 PROVIDE THE OWNER OR DEVELOPER OF THE GENERATING FACILITY, UPON
24 REQUEST, WITH REASONABLE AND TIMELY ACCESS TO THE MODELING
25 INPUTS AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT WERE USED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY TO

1 EVALUATE THE FACILITY AND THAT REASONABLY RELATE TO THAT
2 FACILITY OR TO THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY FROM THAT FACILITY
3 TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY. BIDDERS IN A COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC RESOURCE
4 BIDDING PROCESS SHALL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THOSE MODELING
5 INPUTS AND ASSUMPTIONS, AS THE MODELING INPUTS AND ASSUMPTIONS
6 APPLY TO THE BIDDERS' PARTICULAR FACILITY, IN TIME TO ENSURE THAT
7 ERRORS OR OMISSIONS MAY BE CORRECTED BEFORE THE COMPETITIVE
8 BIDDING PROCESS IS COMPLETED. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT AN ERROR OR
9 OMISSION EXISTS IN THE PUBLIC UTILITY'S MODELING, THE COMMISSION
10 SHALL REQUIRE THE PUBLIC UTILITY TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL MODELING
11 TO CONFIRM THAT ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES ARE FAIRLY AND
12 ACCURATELY REPRESENTED IN THE RESULTS OF ANY COMPUTER MODELING
13 PERFORMED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY.

14 (b) IN ANY COMMISSION PROCEEDING REGARDING ELECTRIC
15 RESOURCE PLANNING OR OTHERWISE RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF,
16 CONTRACTING FOR, OR RETIREMENT OF ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES,
17 THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES REGARDING THE
18 DESIGNATION AND APPROVAL OF INFORMATION AS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
19 THAT PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND ASSURE THAT RATEPAYERS
20 RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF COMPETITION AND TRANSPARENCY WHILE
21 PROTECTING THE TRADE SECRETS OF COMPUTER MODELING SOFTWARE
22 PRODUCERS, INDEPENDENT BIDDERS, AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY.

23 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.