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## A BILL

То	amend section 4928.01 of the Revised Code to	1
	make certain steam-producing facilities waste	2
	energy recovery systems for purposes of the	3
	state's energy efficiency laws.	4

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4928.01 of the Revised Code be	5
amended to read as follows:	6
Sec. 4928.01. (A) As used in this chapter:	7
(1) "Ancillary service" means any function necessary to	8
the provision of electric transmission or distribution service	9
to a retail customer and includes, but is not limited to,	10
scheduling, system control, and dispatch services; reactive	11
supply from generation resources and voltage control service;	12
reactive supply from transmission resources service; regulation	13
service; frequency response service; energy imbalance service;	14
operating reserve-spinning reserve service; operating reserve-	15
supplemental reserve service; load following; back-up supply	16

service; real-power loss replacement service; dynamic	17
scheduling; system black start capability; and network stability	18
service.	19
(2) "Billing and collection agent" means a fully	20
independent agent, not affiliated with or otherwise controlled	21
by an electric utility, electric services company, electric	22
cooperative, or governmental aggregator subject to certification	23
under section 4928.08 of the Revised Code, to the extent that	24
the agent is under contract with such utility, company,	25
cooperative, or aggregator solely to provide billing and	26
collection for retail electric service on behalf of the utility	27
company, cooperative, or aggregator.	28
(3) "Certified territory" means the certified territory	29
established for an electric supplier under sections 4933.81 to	30
4933.90 of the Revised Code.	31
(4) "Competitive retail electric service" means a	32
component of retail electric service that is competitive as	33
provided under division (B) of this section.	34
(5) "Electric cooperative" means a not-for-profit electric	35
light company that both is or has been financed in whole or in	36
part under the "Rural Electrification Act of 1936," 49 Stat.	37
1363, 7 U.S.C. 901, and owns or operates facilities in this	38
state to generate, transmit, or distribute electricity, or a	39
not-for-profit successor of such company.	40
(6) "Electric distribution utility" means an electric	41
utility that supplies at least retail electric distribution	42
service.	43
(7) "Electric light company" has the same meaning as in	44

section 4905.03 of the Revised Code and includes an electric

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services company, but excludes any self-generator to the extent	46
that it consumes electricity it so produces, sells that	47
electricity for resale, or obtains electricity from a generating	48
facility it hosts on its premises.	49
(8) "Electric load center" has the same meaning as in	50
section 4933.81 of the Revised Code.	51
(9) "Electric services company" means an electric light	52
company that is engaged on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis	53
in the business of supplying or arranging for the supply of only	54
a competitive retail electric service in this state. "Electric	55
services company" includes a power marketer, power broker,	56
aggregator, or independent power producer but excludes an	57
electric cooperative, municipal electric utility, governmental	58
aggregator, or billing and collection agent.	59
(10) "Electric supplier" has the same meaning as in	60
section 4933.81 of the Revised Code.	61
(11) "Electric utility" means an electric light company	62
that has a certified territory and is engaged on a for-profit	63
basis either in the business of supplying a noncompetitive	64
retail electric service in this state or in the businesses of	65
supplying both a noncompetitive and a competitive retail	66
electric service in this state. "Electric utility" excludes a	67
municipal electric utility or a billing and collection agent.	68
(12) "Firm electric service" means electric service other	69
than nonfirm electric service.	70
(13) "Governmental aggregator" means a legislative	71
authority of a municipal corporation, a board of township	72

trustees, or a board of county commissioners acting as an

aggregator for the provision of a competitive retail electric

service	under	authority	conferred	under	section	4928.20	of	the
Revised	Code.							

- (14) A person acts "knowingly," regardless of the person's purpose, when the person is aware that the person's conduct will probably cause a certain result or will probably be of a certain nature. A person has knowledge of circumstances when the person is aware that such circumstances probably exist.
- efficiency programs provided through electric utility rates" means the level of funds specifically included in an electric utility's rates on October 5, 1999, pursuant to an order of the public utilities commission issued under Chapter 4905. or 4909. of the Revised Code and in effect on October 4, 1999, for the purpose of improving the energy efficiency of housing for the utility's low-income customers. The term excludes the level of any such funds committed to a specific nonprofit organization or organizations pursuant to a stipulation or contract.
- (16) "Low-income customer assistance programs" means the percentage of income payment plan program, the home energy assistance program, the home weatherization assistance program, and the targeted energy efficiency and weatherization program.
- (17) "Market development period" for an electric utility means the period of time beginning on the starting date of competitive retail electric service and ending on the applicable date for that utility as specified in section 4928.40 of the Revised Code, irrespective of whether the utility applies to receive transition revenues under this chapter.
- (18) "Market power" means the ability to impose on 102 customers a sustained price for a product or service above the 103

price that would prevail in a competitive market.	104
(19) "Mercantile customer" means a commercial or	105
industrial customer if the electricity consumed is for	106
nonresidential use and the customer consumes more than seven	107
hundred thousand kilowatt hours per year or is part of a	108
national account involving multiple facilities in one or more	109
states.	110
(20) "Municipal electric utility" means a municipal	111
corporation that owns or operates facilities to generate,	112
transmit, or distribute electricity.	113
(21) "Noncompetitive retail electric service" means a	114
component of retail electric service that is noncompetitive as	115
provided under division (B) of this section.	116
(22) "Nonfirm electric service" means electric service	117
provided pursuant to a schedule filed under section 4905.30 of	118
the Revised Code or pursuant to an arrangement under section	119
4905.31 of the Revised Code, which schedule or arrangement	120
includes conditions that may require the customer to curtail or	121
interrupt electric usage during nonemergency circumstances upon	122
notification by an electric utility.	123
(23) "Percentage of income payment plan arrears" means	124
funds eligible for collection through the percentage of income	125
payment plan rider, but uncollected as of July 1, 2000.	126
(24) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of	127
the Revised Code.	128
(25) "Advanced energy project" means any technologies,	129
products, activities, or management practices or strategies that	130
facilitate the generation or use of electricity or energy and	131
that reduce or support the reduction of energy consumption or	132

support the production of clean, renewable energy for	133
industrial, distribution, commercial, institutional,	134
governmental, research, not-for-profit, or residential energy	135
users, including, but not limited to, advanced energy resources	136
and renewable energy resources. "Advanced energy project" also	137
includes any project described in division (A), (B), or (C) of	138
section 4928.621 of the Revised Code.	139

- (26) "Regulatory assets" means the unamortized net 140 regulatory assets that are capitalized or deferred on the 141 regulatory books of the electric utility, pursuant to an order 142 or practice of the public utilities commission or pursuant to 143 generally accepted accounting principles as a result of a prior 144 commission rate-making decision, and that would otherwise have 145 been charged to expense as incurred or would not have been 146 capitalized or otherwise deferred for future regulatory 147 consideration absent commission action. "Regulatory assets" 148 includes, but is not limited to, all deferred demand-side 149 management costs; all deferred percentage of income payment plan 150 arrears; post-in-service capitalized charges and assets 151 recognized in connection with statement of financial accounting 152 standards no. 109 (receivables from customers for income taxes); 153 future nuclear decommissioning costs and fuel disposal costs as 154 those costs have been determined by the commission in the 155 electric utility's most recent rate or accounting application 156 proceeding addressing such costs; the undepreciated costs of 157 safety and radiation control equipment on nuclear generating 158 plants owned or leased by an electric utility; and fuel costs 159 currently deferred pursuant to the terms of one or more 160 settlement agreements approved by the commission. 161
- (27) "Retail electric service" means any service involved
  in supplying or arranging for the supply of electricity to

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ultimate consumers in this state, from the point of generation	164
to the point of consumption. For the purposes of this chapter,	165
retail electric service includes one or more of the following	166
"service components": generation service, aggregation service,	167
power marketing service, power brokerage service, transmission	168
service, distribution service, ancillary service, metering	169
service, and billing and collection service.	170
(28) "Starting date of competitive retail electric	171
service" means January 1, 2001.	172
(29) "Customer-generator" means a user of a net metering	173
system.	174
(30) "Net metering" means measuring the difference in an	175
applicable billing period between the electricity supplied by an	176
electric service provider and the electricity generated by a	177
customer-generator that is fed back to the electric service	178
provider.	179
(31) "Net metering system" means a facility for the	180
production of electrical energy that does all of the following:	181
(a) Uses as its fuel either solar, wind, biomass, landfill	182
gas, or hydropower, or uses a microturbine or a fuel cell;	183
(b) Is located on a customer-generator's premises;	184
(c) Operates in parallel with the electric utility's	185
transmission and distribution facilities;	186
(d) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the	187
customer-generator's requirements for electricity. For an	188
industrial customer-generator with a net metering system that	189
has a capacity of less than twenty megawatts and uses wind as	190
energy, this means the net metering system was sized so as to	191

not exceed one hundred per cent of the customer-generator's	192
annual requirements for electric energy at the time of	193
interconnection.	194
(32) "Self-generator" means an entity in this state that	195
owns or hosts on its premises an electric generation facility	196
that produces electricity primarily for the owner's consumption	197
and that may provide any such excess electricity to another	198
entity, whether the facility is installed or operated by the	199
owner or by an agent under a contract.	200
(33) "Rate plan" means the standard service offer in	201
effect on the effective date of the amendment of this section by	202
S.B. 221 of the 127th general assembly, July 31, 2008.	203
(34) "Advanced energy resource" means any of the	204
following:	205
(a) Any method or any modification or replacement of any	206
property, process, device, structure, or equipment that	207
increases the generation output of an electric generating	208
facility to the extent such efficiency is achieved without	209
additional carbon dioxide emissions by that facility;	210
(b) Any distributed generation system consisting of	211
customer cogeneration technology;	212
(c) Clean coal technology that includes a carbon-based	213
product that is chemically altered before combustion to	214
demonstrate a reduction, as expressed as ash, in emissions of	215
nitrous oxide, mercury, arsenic, chlorine, sulfur dioxide, or	216
sulfur trioxide in accordance with the American society of	217
testing and materials standard D1757A or a reduction of metal	218
oxide emissions in accordance with standard D5142 of that	219
society, or clean coal technology that includes the design	220

capability to control or prevent the emission of carbon dioxide,	221
which design capability the commission shall adopt by rule and	222
shall be based on economically feasible best available	223
technology or, in the absence of a determined best available	224
technology, shall be of the highest level of economically	225
feasible design capability for which there exists generally	226
accepted scientific opinion;	227
(d) Advanced nuclear energy technology consisting of	228
generation III technology as defined by the nuclear regulatory	229
commission; other, later technology; or significant improvements	230
to existing facilities;	231
(e) Any fuel cell used in the generation of electricity,	232
including, but not limited to, a proton exchange membrane fuel	233
cell, phosphoric acid fuel cell, molten carbonate fuel cell, or	234
solid oxide fuel cell;	235
(f) Advanced solid waste or construction and demolition	236
debris conversion technology, including, but not limited to,	237
advanced stoker technology, and advanced fluidized bed	238
gasification technology, that results in measurable greenhouse	239
gas emissions reductions as calculated pursuant to the United	240
States environmental protection agency's waste reduction model	241
(WARM);	242
(g) Demand-side management and any energy efficiency	243
<pre>improvement;</pre>	244
(h) Any new, retrofitted, refueled, or repowered	245
generating facility located in Ohio, including a simple or	246
combined-cycle natural gas generating facility or a generating	247
facility that uses biomass, coal, modular nuclear, or any other	248
fuel as its input;	249

(i) Any uprated capacity of an existing electric	250
generating facility if the uprated capacity results from the	251
deployment of advanced technology.	252
"Advanced energy resource" does not include a waste energy	253
recovery system that is, or has been, included in an energy	254
efficiency program of an electric distribution utility pursuant	255
to requirements under section 4928.66 of the Revised Code.	256
(35) "Air contaminant source" has the same meaning as in	257
section 3704.01 of the Revised Code.	258
(36) "Cogeneration technology" means technology that	259
produces electricity and useful thermal output simultaneously.	260
(37)(a) "Renewable energy resource" means any of the	261
following:	262
(i) Solar photovoltaic or solar thermal energy;	263
(ii) Wind energy;	264
(iii) Power produced by a hydroelectric facility;	265
(iv) Power produced by a small hydroelectric facility,	266
which is a facility that operates, or is rated to operate, at an	267
aggregate capacity of less than six megawatts;	268
(v) Power produced by a run-of-the-river hydroelectric	269
facility placed in service on or after January 1, 1980, that is	270
located within this state, relies upon the Ohio river, and	271
operates, or is rated to operate, at an aggregate capacity of	272
forty or more megawatts;	273
<pre>(vi) Geothermal energy;</pre>	274
(vii) Fuel derived from solid wastes, as defined in	275
section 3734.01 of the Revised Code, through fractionation,	276

biological decomposition, or other process that does not	277
principally involve combustion;	278
(viii) Biomass energy;	279
(ix) Energy produced by cogeneration technology that is	280
placed into service on or before December 31, 2015, and for	281
which more than ninety per cent of the total annual energy input	282
is from combustion of a waste or byproduct gas from an air	283
contaminant source in this state, which source has been in	284
operation since on or before January 1, 1985, provided that the	285
cogeneration technology is a part of a facility located in a	286
county having a population of more than three hundred sixty-five	287
thousand but less than three hundred seventy thousand according	288
to the most recent federal decennial census;	289
(x) Biologically derived methane gas;	290
(xi) Heat captured from a generator of electricity,	291
boiler, or heat exchanger fueled by biologically derived methane	292
gas;	293
(xii) Energy derived from nontreated by-products of the	294
pulping process or wood manufacturing process, including bark,	295
wood chips, sawdust, and lignin in spent pulping liquors.	296
"Renewable energy resource" includes, but is not limited	297
to, any fuel cell used in the generation of electricity,	298
including, but not limited to, a proton exchange membrane fuel	299
cell, phosphoric acid fuel cell, molten carbonate fuel cell, or	300
solid oxide fuel cell; wind turbine located in the state's	301
territorial waters of Lake Erie; methane gas emitted from an	302
abandoned coal mine; waste energy recovery system placed into	303
service or retrofitted on or after the effective date of the	304
amendment of this section by S.B. 315 of the 129th general	305

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assembly, September 10, 2012, except that a waste energy	306
recovery system described in division (A)(38)(b) of this section	307
may be included only if it was placed into service between	308
January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2004; storage facility that	309
will promote the better utilization of a renewable energy	310
resource; or distributed generation system used by a customer to	311
generate electricity from any such energy.	312
"Renewable energy resource" does not include a waste	313
energy recovery system that is, or was, on or after January 1,	314
2012, included in an energy efficiency program of an electric	315
distribution utility pursuant to requirements under section	316
4928.66 of the Revised Code.	317
(b) As used in division (A)(37) of this section,	318
"hydroelectric facility" means a hydroelectric generating	319
facility that is located at a dam on a river, or on any water	320
discharged to a river, that is within or bordering this state or	321
within or bordering an adjoining state and meets all of the	322
following standards:	323
(i) The facility provides for river flows that are not	324
detrimental for fish, wildlife, and water quality, including	325
seasonal flow fluctuations as defined by the applicable	326
licensing agency for the facility.	327
(ii) The facility demonstrates that it complies with the	328
water quality standards of this state, which compliance may	329
consist of certification under Section 401 of the "Clean Water	330
Act of 1977," 91 Stat. 1598, 1599, 33 U.S.C. 1341, and	331
demonstrates that it has not contributed to a finding by this	332
state that the river has impaired water quality under Section	333
303(d) of the "Clean Water Act of 1977," 114 Stat. 870, 33	334

(iii) The facility complies with mandatory prescriptions	336
regarding fish passage as required by the federal energy	337
regulatory commission license issued for the project, regarding	338
fish protection for riverine, anadromous, and catadromous fish.	339
(iv) The facility complies with the recommendations of the	340
Ohio environmental protection agency and with the terms of its	341
federal energy regulatory commission license regarding watershed	342
protection, mitigation, or enhancement, to the extent of each	343
agency's respective jurisdiction over the facility.	344
(v) The facility complies with provisions of the	345
"Endangered Species Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 884, 16 U.S.C. 1531	346
to 1544, as amended.	347
(vi) The facility does not harm cultural resources of the	348
area. This can be shown through compliance with the terms of its	349
federal energy regulatory commission license or, if the facility	350
is not regulated by that commission, through development of a	351
plan approved by the Ohio historic preservation office, to the	352
extent it has jurisdiction over the facility.	353
(vii) The facility complies with the terms of its federal	354
energy regulatory commission license or exemption that are	355
related to recreational access, accommodation, and facilities	356
or, if the facility is not regulated by that commission, the	357
facility complies with similar requirements as are recommended	358
by resource agencies, to the extent they have jurisdiction over	359
the facility; and the facility provides access to water to the	360
public without fee or charge.	361
(viii) The facility is not recommended for removal by any	362
federal agency or agency of any state, to the extent the	363
particular agency has jurisdiction over the facility.	364

(c) The standards in divisions (A)(37)(b)(i) to (viii) of	365
this section do not apply to a small hydroelectric facility	366
under division (A)(37)(a)(iv) of this section.	367
(38) "Waste energy recovery system" means either any of	368
the following:	369
(a) A facility that generates electricity through the	370
conversion of energy from either of the following:	371
(i) Exhaust heat from engines or manufacturing,	372
industrial, commercial, or institutional sites, except for	373
exhaust heat from a facility whose primary purpose is the	374
generation of electricity;	375
(ii) Reduction of pressure in gas pipelines before gas is	376
distributed through the pipeline, provided that the conversion	377
of energy to electricity is achieved without using additional	378
fossil fuels.	379
(b) A facility at a state institution of higher education	380
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code that recovers	381
waste heat from electricity-producing engines or combustion	382
turbines and that simultaneously uses the recovered heat to	383
produce steam, provided that the facility was placed into	384
service between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2004;	385
(c) A facility that produces steam from recovered waste	386
heat from a manufacturing process and uses that steam, or	387
transfers that steam to another facility, to provide heat to	388
another manufacturing process or to generate electricity.	389
(39) "Smart grid" means capital improvements to an	390
electric distribution utility's distribution infrastructure that	391
improve reliability, efficiency, resiliency, or reduce energy	392
demand or use, including, but not limited to, advanced metering	393

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and automation of system functions.

- (40) "Combined heat and power system" means the coproduction of electricity and useful thermal energy from the same fuel source designed to achieve thermal-efficiency levels of at least sixty per cent, with at least twenty per cent of the system's total useful energy in the form of thermal energy.
- (41) "Legacy generation resource" means all generating 400 facilities owned directly or indirectly by a corporation that 401 was formed prior to 1960 by investor-owned utilities for the 402 original purpose of providing power to the federal government 403 for use in the nation's defense or in furtherance of national 404 interests, including the Ohio valley electric corporation. 405
- (42) "Prudently incurred costs related to a legacy 406 generation resource" means costs, including deferred costs, 407 allocated pursuant to a power agreement approved by the federal 408 energy regulatory commission that relates to a legacy generation 409 resource, less any revenues realized from offering the 410 contractual commitment for the power agreement into the 411 wholesale markets, provided that where the net revenues exceed 412 net costs, those excess revenues shall be credited to customers. 413 414 Such costs shall exclude any return on investment in common equity and, in the event of a premature retirement of a legacy 415 generation resource, shall exclude any recovery of remaining 416 debt. Such costs shall include any incremental costs resulting 417 from the bankruptcy of a current or former sponsor under such 418 power agreement or co-owner of the legacy generation resource if 419 not otherwise recovered through a utility rate cost recovery 420 mechanism. 421
- (43) "Green energy" means any energy generated by using an
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  energy resource that does one or more of the following:
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(a) Releases reduced air pollutants, thereby reducing cumulative air emissions;	424 425
(b) Is more sustainable and reliable relative to some fossil fuels.	426 427
"Green energy" includes energy generated by using natural gas as a resource.	428 429
(B) For the purposes of this chapter, a retail electric	430
service component shall be deemed a competitive retail electric service if the service component is competitive pursuant to a declaration by a provision of the Revised Code or pursuant to an	432
order of the public utilities commission authorized under division (A) of section 4928.04 of the Revised Code. Otherwise,	434
the service component shall be deemed a noncompetitive retail electric service.	436 437
Section 2. That existing section 4928.01 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.	438 439