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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Senate Bill 468 creates a 10-year process for the phasing out of utility-aid payments in connection with the decommissioning of a power plant, as opposed to a five-year phase out under current law. The bill defines the term “decommissioned” to mean the earlier of the date the plant is sold to another person or the date it is no longer recovered through the utility’s rates. Also, the bill creates a new method for calculating utility aid payments for plants with multiple power generation units to account for the fact that the units may be shut down at different times.

Senate Amendment 1

Senate Amendment 1 modifies the definition of “decommissioned” to mean, with regard to a production plant, the earliest of the date the plant is transferred to another person or the date it is no longer recovered through the utility’s or the cooperative’s rates or, for a plant owned by a qualified wholesale electric company, the date it is no longer generating electricity.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Ballweg introduced and Representative Oldenburg cosponsored the bill on July 21, 2021, and a public hearing was held on August 26, 2021, before the Senate Committee on Utilities, Technology and Telecommunications. On September 13, 2021, Senator Ballweg offered Senate Amendment 1 to the bill. On September 16, 2021, the Senate Committee recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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