

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to electric utility 10-year site  
3       plans; amending s. 186.801, F.S.; revising the  
4       information required to be included in electric  
5       utility 10-year site plans; revising the procedures  
6       for the review and approval or rejection of such plans  
7       by the Florida Public Service Commission; requiring  
8       electric utilities to submit revised plans to the  
9       commission under certain conditions; prohibiting  
10      electric utilities from filing applications for  
11      certification of certain electrical power plant sites;  
12      removing provisions that provide such certification  
13      constitutes an amendment to such plans; revising the  
14      information the commission is required to consider in  
15      its review of such plans; increasing the amount of the  
16      fee the commission is authorized to establish for the  
17      review of such plans; revising the content of the  
18      rules the commission is authorized to adopt for  
19      submitting, processing, and approving such plans;  
20      providing an effective date.

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22   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24       **Section 1.   Section 186.801, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
25   **to read:**

26           186.801 Ten-year site plans.—

27           (1) Each electric utility shall submit to the Public  
28 Service Commission a 10-year site plan which estimates its  
29 anticipated demand, ~~shall estimate~~ its power-generating needs,  
30 the impact of planned demand-side management measures on such  
31 generating needs, and the general location of its proposed power  
32 plant sites. The 10-year plan must ~~shall~~ be submitted and  
33 reviewed at least ~~and submitted not less frequently than~~ every 2  
34 years.

35           (2) Within 9 months after the receipt of a 10-year site  
36 ~~the proposed~~ plan, the commission shall issue a final order  
37 approving, approving with amendments, or rejecting ~~make a~~  
38 ~~preliminary study of such plan and classify it as "suitable" or~~  
39 ~~"unsuitable." The commission may suggest alternatives to the~~  
40 plan.

41           (a) When deciding whether to approve a 10-year site plan,  
42 the commission shall make a determination whether the plan is  
43 reasonable and in the best interest of the utility's customers  
44 and this state.

45           (b) The commission may reject a 10-year site plan if it  
46 fails to satisfy the requirements of this section and commission  
47 rules.

48           (c) Within 60 days after the receipt of a final order  
49 rejecting a 10-year site plan, an electric utility shall submit  
50 a revised plan to the commission for approval.

51        (d) The commission shall hold a public hearing for a 10-  
52 year site plan submitted by a public utility as defined in s.  
53 366.02.

54        (e) The commission may hold a public hearing for a 10-year  
55 site plan submitted by any electric utility upon a petition or  
56 request for a hearing. Notwithstanding chapter 120 or any other  
57 law, the commission shall grant the petition or request if  
58 participation by the party submitting the petition or request is  
59 in the public interest and will not unduly impair the efficiency  
60 or administration of the proceeding.

61        (3) All findings of the commission shall be made available  
62 to the Department of Environmental Protection for its  
63 consideration at any subsequent electrical power plant site  
64 certification proceedings.

65        (4) It is recognized that 10-year site plans submitted by  
66 an electric utility are tentative information for planning  
67 purposes only and may be amended and submitted for approval at  
68 any time at the discretion of the utility ~~upon written~~  
69 ~~notification to the commission.~~ An electric utility may not file  
70 an A-complete application for certification of an electrical  
71 power plant site under chapter 403 ~~that, when such site is not~~  
72 ~~designated in the current 10-year site plan of the applicant,~~  
73 ~~shall constitute an amendment to the 10-year site plan.~~

74        (5) In its review ~~preliminary study~~ of each 10-year site  
75 plan, the commission shall consider all of the following ~~such~~

76 ~~plan as a planning document and shall review:~~

77 (a) The need, including the need as determined by the  
78 commission, for electrical power in the area to be served.

79 (b) The adequacy and cost-effectiveness of planned  
80 generation, transmission, and distribution resources relative to  
81 other available options.

82 (c) The benefits of energy resources sited within this  
83 state that reduce this state's reliance on energy and fuels  
84 imported from outside this state.

85 (d) The impact of the plan on future regulatory risks and  
86 compliance costs and the impacts of those risks and costs on the  
87 utility's customers.

88 (e) The adequacy of total demand-side management measures  
89 proposed by the utility to mitigate its need for new generation.

90 (f)~~(b)~~ The effect on fuel diversity within this ~~the~~ state.

91 (g)~~(e)~~ The anticipated environmental impact of each  
92 proposed electrical power plant site.

93 (h)~~(d)~~ Possible alternatives to the proposed plan,  
94 including alternative technologies for proposed resources.

95 (i)~~(e)~~ The views of appropriate local, state, and federal  
96 agencies, including the views of the appropriate water  
97 management district as to the availability of water and its  
98 recommendation as to the use by the proposed plant of salt water  
99 or fresh water for cooling purposes.

100 (j)~~(f)~~ The extent to which the plan is consistent with the

101 state comprehensive plan.

102 (k)~~(g)~~ The plan with respect to the information of the  
103 state on energy availability and consumption.

104 (l)~~(h)~~ The amount of renewable energy resources the  
105 utility produces or purchases.

106 (m)~~(i)~~ The amount of renewable energy resources the  
107 utility plans to produce or purchase over the 10-year planning  
108 horizon and the means by which the production or purchases will  
109 be achieved.

110 (n)~~(j)~~ A statement describing how the production and  
111 purchase of renewable energy resources impact the utility's  
112 present and future capacity and energy needs.

113 (6)~~(3)~~ In order to enable it to carry out its duties under  
114 this section, the commission may, after hearing, establish an  
115 administrative ~~a study~~ fee which may ~~shall~~ not exceed \$100,000  
116 ~~\$1,000~~ for each proposed plan studied.

117 (7)~~(4)~~ The commission may adopt rules governing the method  
118 of submitting, processing, and approving ~~studying~~ the 10-year  
119 plans as required by this section, including the required  
120 contents and approval of such plans and procedures for  
121 intervention and discovery in the plan review proceedings.

122 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.