

CHAPTER 336

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SENATE BILL **327**

AN ACT relative to disclosure of electric service energy sources and environmental characteristics and relative to disciplinary actions against competitive electric suppliers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Merrill, Dist 21; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Rep. S. Harvey, Hills 21; Rep. Borden, Rock 18

COMMITTEE: Energy, Environment and Economic Development

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes requirements for disclosure of electric service energy sources and environmental characteristics to customers by providers of electricity. The bill also expands the authority of the public utilities commission to take disciplinary actions for violations by competitive electric suppliers.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

AN ACT relative to disclosure of electric service energy sources and environmental characteristics and relative to disciplinary actions against competitive electric suppliers.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

336:1 New Subdivision; Disclosure of Electric Service Energy Sources and Environmental Characteristics. Amend RSA 378 by inserting after section 48 the following new subdivision:

Disclosure of Electric Service Energy Sources and Environmental Characteristics

378:49 Disclosure of Electric Service Energy Sources and Environmental Characteristics.

I. The public utilities commission shall, after notice and hearing, by order or rule, approve a standard format and methodology that providers of electricity, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XIV, shall use when providing information to existing or prospective customers regarding the energy sources and environmental characteristics of their electric service. Such information shall include but not be limited to:

(a) A presentation of energy sources used to generate the electricity and their respective contributions to the service's total energy mix, by percentage;

(b) The environmental characteristics of the service's energy mix, including but not limited to air pollutant emission rates; and

(c) A comparison of source and emissions data between the service's energy mix and the average energy mix of the region available from the Independent System Operator of New England.

II. Each provider of electricity, as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XIV, shall in standard format:

(a) Provide and make easily accessible on the provider's Internet site the information for each electric service that it sells in the state;

(b) Update such information at least annually; and

(c) Provide such information to electric customers at least annually in conjunction with billing, whether distributed through the mail or online, or other mailed or online communication to customers, as approved by the commission.

III. Appropriate access or reference to relevant public information, including emissions by source, that is more detailed than that contained in the standard format shall be included in the standard format.

336:2 Disciplinary Actions; Competitive Energy Suppliers. Amend RSA 374-F:7, III to read as follows:

III. The commission is authorized to assess fines against, revoke the registration of, and prohibit from doing business in the state, any competitive electricity supplier which violates the requirements of this section or ~~[RSA 362-F]~~ ***any other provision of this title applicable to competitive electricity suppliers.***

336:3 Repeal. RSA 365:8, XIII, relative to rulemaking of the public utilities commission on customer information regarding renewable energy options, is repealed.

336:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 90 days after its passage.

Approved: July 20, 2010

Effective Date: October 18, 2010