

Introduced by Senator Haynes

February 23, 2001

An act to amend Section 2822 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 654, as introduced, Haynes. Electricity: standby charges.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to approve and establish standby charges for electrical corporations.

This bill would require the commission to prohibit the imposition of standby charges on the use or operation of distributed energy resources, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2822 of the Public Utilities Code is
2 amended to read:

3 2822. ~~The~~(a) *Except as otherwise specified in subdivision*
4 *(b), the commission shall approve and establish standby charges*
5 *for electrical corporations. The commission may act in this regard*
6 *on its own motion or on application of an electrical corporation or*
7 *a private energy producer.*

8 *(b) The commission shall prohibit standby charges on the use*
9 *or operation of distributed energy resources. "Distributed energy*
10 *resources" for the purposes of this section means any generation,*
11 *storage, or related ancillary technology designed primarily to*



- 1 *serve the local demand for electricity other than from conventional*
- 2 *power sources.*

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