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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2509

Introduced by Assembly Member Nakanishi

February 20, 2004

An act to add Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 2780) to Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2509, as amended, Nakanishi. Electric microuilities.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission generally has regulatory authority over public utilities, including authority over ~~ratemaking, certain financial transactions, and the disposal or encumbrance of property~~ *electrical corporations*.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the commission recognize the legal, administrative, and operational costs that an electric microuility, as defined, faces if it is named as a respondent in a hearing generally applicable to electrical corporations. The bill would further state the intent of the Legislature to urge the commission to consider those costs before naming an electric microuility as a respondent in a hearing generally applicable to electrical corporations.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 2780) is
2 added to Part 2 of Division 1 of the Public Utilities Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 5.5. ELECTRIC MICROUTILITIES

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6 2780. As used in this chapter, the term “electric micrutility”
7 means any ~~private corporation~~ *electrical corporation that is*
8 *regulated by the commission and* organized for the purpose of
9 providing sole-source generation, distribution, and sale of
10 electricity exclusively to a customer base of fewer than 5,000
11 customers.

12 2780.1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the
13 commission recognize the legal, administrative, and operational
14 costs that an electric micrutility faces if it is named as a
15 respondent in a hearing generally applicable to electrical
16 corporations. The limited resources of a micrutility are
17 disproportionately strained by the cost of response.

18 (b) Further, it is the intent of the Legislature to urge the
19 commission to consider the costs described in subdivision (a)
20 before naming an electric micrutility as a respondent in a hearing
21 generally applicable to electrical corporations.

