

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2590

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 24, 2012

An act to add Section 321.9 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to distributed generation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2590, as introduced, Blumenfield. Distributed generation: interconnection.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Independent System Operator and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to study, and submit a report biennially to the Legislature and the Governor, on the impacts of distributed energy generation on the state's distribution and transmission grid.

This bill would require the commission to annually prepare and make available to the public a report with prescribed information on distributed generation interconnection studies conducted by electrical corporations in the previous year. The bill would require the commission to require an electrical corporation to publish online specified queue information, updated on a monthly basis, for all interconnection projects, including withdrawn and rejected projects. Because a violation of an order or decision of the commission implementing that requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by expanding the definition of a crime. The bill would require the commission to convene a rulemaking either parallel to, or jointly with, the Independent System Operator to harmonize confidentiality rules with respect to interconnection requests and interconnection studies.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 321.9 is added to the Public Utilities
2 Code, to read:

3 321.9. (a) (1) The commission shall annually prepare and
4 make available to the public a detailed report on each distributed
5 generation interconnection study conducted by an electrical
6 corporation in the previous year.

7 (2) The report shall include, but is not limited to, all of the
8 following information:

9 (A) Number of electrical corporation personnel and consultants
10 working on interconnection matters for each electrical corporation.

11 (B) Date of the interconnection application.

12 (C) Queue position date.

13 (D) County and state location.

14 (E) Study group, if in a cluster study.

15 (F) Size of project.

16 (G) Technology type.

17 (H) Interconnection procedure status for each project.

18 (I) Interconnection voltage.

19 (J) Whether an interconnection agreement has been signed.

20 (K) Initial requested in-service date.

21 (L) Current requested in-service date.

22 (M) Interconnection studies completed for each project, with
23 the dates of completion of these studies, costs charged to applicants,
24 actual costs to the electrical corporations completing the studies,
25 and status of the application.

26 (3) The commission shall review all electrical corporation data
27 on this matter but shall ensure that the information is accurate
28 through verification with third parties when possible.

29 (b) The commission shall require an electrical corporation to
30 publish online detailed queue information, updated on a monthly

1 basis, for all interconnection projects, including withdrawn and
2 rejected projects, including, but not limited to, all of the following
3 information:

- 4 (1) Date of application.
- 5 (2) Queue position date.
- 6 (3) County and state location.
- 7 (4) Study group, if in a cluster study.
- 8 (5) Size of project.
- 9 (6) Technology type.
- 10 (7) Interconnection procedure status for each project.
- 11 (8) Interconnection voltage.
- 12 (9) Whether an interconnection agreement has been signed.
- 13 (10) Initial requested in-service date.
- 14 (11) Current requested in-service date.
- 15 (12) Interconnection studies completed for each project, with
16 the dates of completion of these studies.

17 (c) The commission shall convene a rulemaking either parallel
18 to, or jointly with, the Independent System Operator to harmonize
19 confidentiality rules with respect to interconnection requests and
20 interconnection studies. This rulemaking shall revise existing rules
21 of the commission implementing Section 583, including, but not
22 limited to, commission Decision 06-06-066, relating to issues over
23 which the state has jurisdiction. The revised rules shall require a
24 presumption of nonconfidentiality be enforced at all times and
25 shall require the commission, Independent System Operator, or
26 electrical corporation, as applicable, to provide a written statement
27 demonstrating why any particular information should be deemed
28 confidential.

29 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
30 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
31 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
32 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
33 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
34 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
35 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
36 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
37 Constitution.

O