

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 995

Introduced by Assembly Member Wright

February 25, 1999

An act to add Section 330.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 995, as introduced, R. Wright. Electric restructuring: transmission grid.

The Public Utilities Act provides for the restructuring of the electrical industry in this state, including provisions with regard to the reliability and operation of the transmission grid.

This bill would state that it is the policy of this state that, to ensure the continued efficient use and reliable operation of the transmission grid and of any upgrades, enhancements, or additions to the transmission grid, transmission planning, siting, and permitting be conducted in a manner consistent with specified existing law, and that publicly owned utility transmission owners and investor-owned utility transmission owners continue to plan, design, and construct transmission facilities so as to provide open, nondiscriminatory, comparable access to transmission services.

The bill would require the Independent System Operator to coordinate with transmission owners to implement those policies, consistent with specified provisions of existing law.

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 330.5 is added to the Public
2 Utilities Code, to read:

3 330.5. (a) It is the policy of this state to ensure the
4 continued efficient use and reliable operation of the
5 transmission grid and of any upgrades, enhancements, or
6 additions to the transmission grid, that transmission
7 planning, siting, and permitting be conducted in a
8 manner consistent with this division. It is also the policy
9 of this state that publicly owned utility transmission
10 owners and investor-owned utility transmission owners
11 continue to plan, design, and construct transmission
12 facilities so as to provide open, nondiscriminatory,
13 comparable access to transmission services.

14 (b) The Independent System Operator shall
15 coordinate with transmission owners to implement this
16 section, consistent with Section 345.

