
Introduced by Senator Bowen

February 23, 2000

An act to amend Section 348 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1774, as introduced, Bowen. Public utilities: electrical restructuring.

The Public Utilities Act requires the Independent System Operator to adopt inspection, maintenance, repair, and replacement standards, on or before September 30, 1997, for the transmission facilities under its control, and standards for reliability and safety during periods of emergency and disaster. Existing law requires the Independent System Operator to report to the Oversight Board, at those times specified by the Oversight Board, on the development and implementation of the standards in relation to facilities under the operational control of the Independent System Operator.

This bill would require the Independent System Operator to report quarterly to the Oversight Board.

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 348 of the Public Utilities Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 348. The Independent System Operator shall adopt
- 4 inspection, maintenance, repair, and replacement

1 standards for the transmission facilities under its control
2 no later than September 30, 1997. The standards, which
3 shall be performance or prescriptive standards, or both,
4 as appropriate, for each substantial type of transmission
5 equipment or facility, shall provide for high quality, safe,
6 and reliable service. In adopting its standards, the
7 Independent System Operator shall consider *all of the*
8 *following*: cost, local geography and weather, applicable
9 codes, national electric industry practices, sound
10 engineering judgment, and experience. The
11 Independent System Operator shall also adopt standards
12 for reliability, and safety during periods of emergency
13 and disaster. The Independent System Operator shall
14 report *quarterly* to the Oversight Board, ~~at such times as~~
15 ~~the Oversight Board may specify,~~ on the development
16 and implementation of the standards in relation to
17 facilities under the operational control of the
18 Independent System Operator. The Independent System
19 Operator shall require each transmission facility owner or
20 operator to report annually on its compliance with the
21 standards. That report shall be made available to the
22 public.

