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Telecommunications & Energy.

1 AN ACT Relating to use of animal waste as a qualified alternative
2 energy resource; and amending RCW 19.29A.090.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.29A.090 and 2001 c 214 s 28 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning January 1, 2002, each electric utility must provide
7 to its retail electricity customers a voluntary option to purchase
8 qualified alternative energy resources in accordance with this section.

9 (2) Each electric utility must include with its retail electric
10 customer's regular billing statements, at least quarterly, a voluntary
11 option to purchase qualified alternative energy resources. The option
12 may allow customers to purchase qualified alternative energy resources
13 at fixed or variable rates and for fixed or variable periods of time,
14 including but not limited to monthly, quarterly, or annual purchase
15 agreements. A utility may provide qualified alternative energy
16 resource options through either: (a) Resources it owns or contracts
17 for; or (b) the purchase of credits issued by a clearinghouse or other
18 system by which the utility may secure, for trade or other
19 consideration, verifiable evidence that a second party has a qualified

1 alternative energy resource and that the second party agrees to
2 transfer such evidence exclusively to the benefit of the utility.

3 (3) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified alternative
4 energy resource" means the electricity produced from generation
5 facilities that are fueled by: (a) Wind; (b) solar energy; (c)
6 geothermal energy; (d) landfill gas; (e) wave or tidal action; (f) gas
7 produced during the treatment of wastewater; (g) qualified hydropower;
8 or (h) biomass energy based on animal waste or solid organic fuels from
9 wood, forest, or field residues, or dedicated energy crops that do not
10 include wood pieces that have been treated with chemical preservatives
11 such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic.

12 (4) For the purposes of this section, "qualified hydropower" means
13 the energy produced either: (a) As a result of modernizations or
14 upgrades made after June 1, 1998, to hydropower facilities operating on
15 May 8, 2001, that have been demonstrated to reduce the mortality of
16 anadromous fish; or (b) by run of the river or run of the canal
17 hydropower facilities that are not responsible for obstructing the
18 passage of anadromous fish.

19 (5) The rates, terms, conditions, and customer notification of each
20 utility's option or options offered in accordance with this section
21 must be approved by the governing body of the consumer-owned utility or
22 by the commission for investor-owned utilities. All costs and benefits
23 associated with any option offered by an electric utility under this
24 section must be allocated to the customers who voluntarily choose that
25 option and may not be shifted to any customers who have not chosen such
26 option.

27 (6) Each consumer-owned utility must report annually to the
28 department and each investor-owned utility must report annually to the
29 commission beginning October 1, 2002, until October 1, 2012, describing
30 the option or options it is offering its customers under the
31 requirements of this section, the rate of customer participation, the
32 amount of qualified alternative energy resources purchased by
33 customers, and the amount of utility investments in qualified
34 alternative energy resources. The department and the commission
35 together shall report annually to the legislature, beginning December
36 1, 2002, until December 1, 2012, with the results of the utility
37 reports.

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