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1 AN ACT Relating to the voluntary purchase of eligible renewable
2 resources by customers of electric utilities; and adding new sections
3 to chapter 19.29A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.29A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon request of a nonresidential electric customer, an
8 investor-owned utility shall create a tariff that includes a standard
9 contract to allow the customer and other interested nonresidential
10 customers to purchase voluntarily renewable resources in one megawatt-
11 hour units.

12 (2) The commission may approve a tariff and standard contract that
13 ensures that:

14 (a) The costs of procuring, administering, and delivering the
15 renewable resource is paid for by the requesting customer and not
16 passed onto other customers of the investor-owned utility;

17 (b) The investor-owned utility provides an integrated service that
18 includes the electricity generated by the dedicated renewable resource
19 facility and a supplemental shaping service, if needed;

1 (c) The requesting customer has the authority to designate and
2 approve the renewable resource that they wish to procure;

3 (d) Nonpower attributes associated with the renewable resource are
4 transferred to the requesting customer bundled with the power; and

5 (e) Except for the price, cost, or fees associated with
6 interconnecting the renewable resource to the grid, the price of
7 procuring and delivering the eligible renewable resource is transparent
8 to the requesting customer and any additional costs or fees, including
9 those required by federal energy regulatory commission rules, are
10 specified before the requesting customer enters into an agreement for
11 the renewable resource.

12 (3) The renewable resources procured under this section are in
13 addition to the eligible renewable resources requirements under RCW
14 19.285.040.

15 (4) The renewable resources procured under this section must be
16 procured under a separate process other than the process used by the
17 utility to procure energy resources to meet customer load.

18 (5) For the purposes of this section, "renewable resource" means an
19 eligible renewable resource as defined in RCW 19.285.030 or any other
20 energy resource recognized as a renewable resource or a low-carbon
21 energy resource by any government recognized by the United States
22 government.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.29A RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) Upon request by an electric customer of a consumer-owned
26 utility, the governing board of a consumer-owned utility shall create
27 a tariff schedule or contract that allows the customer to purchase
28 voluntarily renewable resources in one megawatt-hour units.

29 (2) A tariff or standard contract approved by the governing board
30 must ensure that:

31 (a) The costs of procuring, administering, and delivering the
32 renewable resource is paid for by the requesting customer and not
33 passed onto other customers of the consumer-owned utility;

34 (b) The consumer-owned utility provides an integrated service that
35 includes the electricity generated by the dedicated renewable resource
36 facility and supplemental shaping services, if needed;

1 (c) The requesting customer has the authority to designate and
2 approve the renewable resource that they wish to procure;

3 (d) Nonpower attributes associated with the renewable resource are
4 transferred to the requesting customer bundled with the power; and

5 (e) Except for the price, cost, or fees associated with
6 interconnecting the renewable resource to the grid, the price of
7 procuring and delivering the renewable resource is transparent to the
8 requesting customer and any additional costs or fees, including those
9 required by federal energy regulatory commission rules, are specified
10 before the requesting customer enters into an agreement for the
11 renewable resource.

12 (3) The renewable resources procured under this section are in
13 addition to the eligible renewable resources requirements under RCW
14 19.285.040.

15 (4) The renewable resources procured under this section must be
16 procured under a separate process other than the process used by the
17 utility to procure energy resources to meet customer load.

18 (5) For the purposes of this section, "renewable resource" means an
19 eligible renewable resource as defined in RCW 19.285.030 or any other
20 energy resource recognized as a renewable resource or a low-carbon
21 energy resource by any government recognized by the United States
22 government.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 19.29A RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 A customer requesting to purchase voluntarily renewable resources
26 under section 1 or 2 of the act must make a deposit with the utility to
27 cover the cost of work hours at the electric utility to develop the
28 tariff. If the customer accepts the proposed tariff, the deposit shall
29 be made to cover the costs of severing the tariff agreement.

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