
HOUSE BILL 1209

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Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing greenhouse gases; and adding a new
2 chapter to Title 19 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Consumer-owned utility" includes a municipal electric utility
7 formed under Title 35 RCW, a public utility district formed under Title
8 54 RCW, an irrigation district formed under chapter 87.03 RCW, a
9 cooperative formed under chapter 23.86 RCW, a mutual corporation or
10 association formed under chapter 24.06 RCW, a port district formed
11 under Title 53 RCW, or a water-sewer district formed under Title 57
12 RCW, that is engaged in the business of distributing electricity to one
13 or more retail electric customers in the state.

14 (2) "Electric utility" means a consumer-owned or investor-owned
15 utility.

16 (3) "Greenhouse gases" means carbon dioxide and nitrous oxides as
17 they relate to electricity generation.

18 (4) "Investor-owned utility" means a corporation owned by investors

1 that meets the definition of corporation in RCW 80.04.010 and is
2 engaged in distributing electricity to more than one retail electric
3 customer in the state.

4 (5) "Permanently offset" means an emitter of greenhouse gases
5 making an arrangement with another party whereby the other party
6 permanently reduces greenhouse gas emissions on behalf of the original
7 emitter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Beginning August 1, 2007, every
9 electricity generating plant in the state of Washington using coal
10 shall begin reducing or permanently offsetting its greenhouse gas
11 emissions by twenty-five percent per year.

12 (2) By January 1, 2008, every electricity generating plant in the
13 state of Washington using coal shall permanently offset its greenhouse
14 gas emissions by one hundred percent, or completely phase out the use
15 of coal for electricity.

16 (3) No electric utility in the state of Washington shall enter into
17 new long-term contracts to purchase electricity using coal from within
18 or from outside of the state of Washington.

19 (4) Contracts in effect on the effective date of this act shall be
20 honored but not renewed.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
22 new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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