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1 On page 40, after line 17, insert the following:

2 "(3) Appropriations in this section are subject to the following  
3 conditions and limitations:

4 (a) During the 2009-11 biennium, an electric company that  
5 proposes to purchase electricity from a baseload renewable power  
6 facility may file an application for approval of the purchase at  
7 cost base rates to the utilities and transportation commission.

8 (b) Upon application by an electrical company, the utilities and  
9 transportation commission must approve a cost base rate adjustment  
10 mechanism to provide full and timely recovery of expenditures for  
11 the power generated by a baseload renewable power facility.

12 (c) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring  
13 an electric company to purchase power from a qualified baseload  
14 renewable power facility.

15 (d) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
16 subsection.

17 (i) "Baseload renewable power facility" means a facility that:

18 (A) Generates electricity from a renewable resource, as defined  
19 in RCW 19.285.030, that is produced or sourced in Washington state;  
20 and

21 (B) Is designed and intended to provide electricity at an  
22 annualized facility capacity factor of at least 60 percent.

23 (ii) "Cost base rate" means a transparent and reasonable cost of  
24 electricity production that takes into account the following  
25 elements:

26 (A) Capital costs;

27 (B) Fixed and variable operating costs;

- 1     (C) Fuel type and costs; and
- 2     (D) Appropriate escalation indexes."

**EFFECT:    Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC):**

Allows an electric company proposing to purchase electricity from a baseload renewable power facility to file an application with the UTC for approval of the purchase at cost base rates. Requires the UTC to approve a cost base rate adjustment mechanism to provide full and timely recovery of expenditures for the power generated by a baseload renewable power facility. Provides definitions for "baseload renewable power facility" and "cost base rate."

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No change to appropriated levels.

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