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HOUSE BILL No. 2241

By Committee on Energy and Environment

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AN ACT concerning energy; relating to renewable energy portfolio standards; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-1258 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-1258 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-1258. (a) The commission shall establish by rules and regulations a portfolio requirement for all affected utilities to generate or purchase electricity generated from renewable energy resources or purchase renewable energy credits. For the purposes of calculating the capacity from renewable energy credit purchases, the affected utility shall use its actual capacity factor from its owned renewable generation from the immediately previous calendar year. Renewable energy credits may only be used to meet a portion of portfolio requirements for the years 2011, 2016 and 2020 and 2018, unless otherwise allowed by the commission. Such portfolio requirement shall provide net renewable generation capacity that shall constitute the following portion of each affected utility's peak demand:

- (1) Not less than 10% of the affected utility's peak demand for calendar years 2011 through 2015 2017, based on the average demand of the prior three years of each year's requirement; and
- (2) not less than 15% of the affected utility's peak demand for-beginning in calendar years 2016 through 2019 year 2018, based on the average demand of the prior three years of each year's requirements. Any new generation added to an affected utility's portfolio after calendar year 2020 shall not be included in determining the utility's portfolio requirement After calendar year 2020, an affected utility's portfolio requirement shall be based on what such utility's average demand was for the utility to meet the portfolio requirements for calendar year 2020. The commission may delay the 15% portfolio requirement for an affected utility for a specified period of time upon a showing of good cause. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, the availability of firm transmission service or excessive costs to retail electric customers; and
- (3) not less than 20% of the affected utility's peak demand for each ealendar year beginning in 2020, based on the average demand of the prior three years of each year's requirement.

- (b) The portfolio requirements described in subsection (a) shall apply to all power sold to Kansas retail consumers whether such power is self-generated or purchased from another source in or outside of the state. The capacity of all net metering systems interconnected with the affected utilities under the net metering and easy connection act in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-1263 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall count toward compliance.
- (c) Each megawatt of eligible capacity in Kansas installed after January 1, 2000, shall count as 1.10 megawatts for purposes of compliance.
- (d) As used in this section, "firm transmission service" means transmission service that may not be interrupted for any reason except during an emergency when continued delivery of power is not possible.
- (e) The commission shall establish rules and regulations required in this section within 12 months of the effective date of this act.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-1258 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.