SENATE BILL 248

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE
RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT TO REQUIRE UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLAR PROJECTS PLANNED BY LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR STATE POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO ACCEPT THE ENERGY GENERATED BY
THOSE PROJECTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 62-16-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004,
Chapter 65, Section 7) is amended to read:

"62-16-7. COMMISSION--ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES.--The
commission:

A. shall adopt rules regarding the renewable
portfolio standard, including requiring utilities and electric
cooperatives to participate in solar projects planned by local

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governments, political subdivisions or state post-secondary

educational institutions and to accept the energy generated by

those projects, and including a provision for public utility

records and reports;

B.   may require that a public utility offer its

retail customers a voluntary program for purchasing renewable

energy that is in addition to energy provided by the public

utility pursuant to the renewable portfolio standard, under

rates and terms that are approved by the commission; and

C.   may exempt from compliance with the renewable

portfolio standard a public utility that has an all-

requirements electric supply contract on July 1, 2004, and the

contract would not reasonably permit it to procure renewable

energy for purposes of meeting the renewable portfolio

standard. When the electricity supply contract is amended or

renegotiated, the commission may require that a renewable

portfolio standard become applicable."

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