

SENATE BILL No. 178

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-8.8.

Synopsis: Nuclear energy projects. Provides that projects involving the construction of nuclear energy production or generating facilities qualify for the financial incentives available for clean energy projects. (Current law provides that only projects involving the life cycle management of such facilities qualify for the incentives.) For purposes of the statute governing the incentives, amends the definition of: (1) "nuclear energy production or generating facility" to include a facility constructed in Indiana after June 30, 2015; and (2) "qualified utility system expenses" to specify that the term includes preconstruction costs and applies to a new energy production or generating facility or a new nuclear energy production or generating facility.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-8.8-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2011,
- 2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) The general assembly makes the following
- 4 findings:
- 5 (1) Growth of Indiana's population and economic base has created
- 6 a need for new energy production or generating facilities in
- 7 Indiana.
- 8 (2) The development of a robust and diverse portfolio of energy
- 9 production or generating capacity, including coal gasification and
- 10 the use of renewable energy resources, is needed if Indiana is to
- 11 continue to be successful in attracting new businesses and jobs.
- 12 (3) Indiana has considerable natural resources that are currently
- 13 underutilized and could support development of new energy
- 14 production or generating facilities, including coal gasification
- 15 facilities, at an affordable price.
- 16 (4) Certain regions of the state, such as southern Indiana, could



1 benefit greatly from new employment opportunities created by
 2 development of new energy production or generating facilities
 3 utilizing the plentiful supply of coal from the geological formation
 4 known as the Illinois Basin.

5 (5) Technology can be deployed that allows high sulfur coal from
 6 the geological formation known as the Illinois Basin to be burned
 7 or gasified efficiently while meeting strict state and federal air
 8 quality limitations. Specifically, the state should encourage the
 9 use of advanced clean coal technology, such as coal gasification.

10 (6) It is in the public interest for the state to encourage the
 11 construction of new energy production or generating facilities that
 12 increase the in-state capacity to provide for current and
 13 anticipated energy demand at a competitive price.

14 (7) It is in the public interest for the state to encourage the study,
 15 analysis, development, **construction**, and life cycle management
 16 of nuclear energy production or generating facilities, as well as
 17 carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and storage facilities.

18 (b) The purpose of this chapter is to enhance Indiana's energy
 19 security and reliability by ensuring all of the following:

20 (1) Indiana's and the region's energy production or generating
 21 capacity continues to be adequate to provide for Indiana's current
 22 and future energy needs, including the support of the state's
 23 economic development efforts.

24 (2) The vast and underutilized coal resources of the Illinois Basin
 25 are used as a fuel source for new energy production or generating
 26 facilities.

27 (3) The electric transmission and gas transportation systems
 28 within Indiana are upgraded to distribute additional amounts of
 29 electricity and gas more efficiently.

30 (4) Jobs are created as new energy production or generating
 31 facilities are built in regions throughout Indiana.

32 (5) The study, analysis, development, **construction**, and life cycle
 33 management of nuclear energy production or generating facilities
 34 are encouraged at the same time as are new coal fired and other
 35 fossil fuel based energy production or generating facilities.

36 SECTION 2. IC 8-1-8.8-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.150-2011,
 37 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 38 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "clean energy projects"
 39 means any of the following:

40 (1) Any of the following projects:

41 (A) Projects at new energy production or generating facilities
 42 that employ the use of clean coal technology and that produce



1 energy, including substitute natural gas, primarily from coal,
 2 or gases derived from coal, from the geological formation
 3 known as the Illinois Basin.

4 (B) Projects to provide advanced technologies that reduce
 5 regulated air emissions from or increase the efficiency of
 6 existing energy production or generating plants that are fueled
 7 primarily by coal or gases from coal from the geological
 8 formation known as the Illinois Basin, such as flue gas
 9 desulfurization and selective catalytic reduction equipment.

10 (C) Projects to provide electric transmission facilities to serve
 11 a new energy production or generating facility or a nuclear
 12 energy production or generating facility.

13 (D) Projects that produce substitute natural gas from Indiana
 14 coal by construction and operation of a coal gasification
 15 facility.

16 (E) Projects or potential projects that enhance **or employ** the
 17 safe and reliable use of nuclear energy production or
 18 generating technologies to produce electricity.

19 (2) Projects to develop alternative energy sources, including
 20 renewable energy projects or coal gasification facilities.

21 (3) The purchase of fuels or energy produced by a coal
 22 gasification facility or by a nuclear energy production or
 23 generating facility.

24 (4) Projects described in subdivisions (1) through (2) that use coal
 25 bed methane.

26 SECTION 3. IC 8-1-8.8-8.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.150-2011,
 27 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 28 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8.5. (a) As used in this chapter, "nuclear energy
 29 production or generating facility" means an energy production or
 30 generation facility that:

31 (1) uses a nuclear reactor as its heat source to provide steam to a
 32 turbine generator to produce or generate electricity;

33 (2) **either:**

34 (A) supplies electricity to Indiana retail customers on July 1,
 35 2011, **and is undergoing a comprehensive life cycle**
 36 **management project to enhance the safe and reliable**
 37 **operation of the facility during the period the facility is**
 38 **licensed to operate by the United States Nuclear**
 39 **Regulatory Commission; or**

40 (B) **is constructed in Indiana after June 30, 2015; and**

41 (3) is dedicated primarily to serving Indiana customers. ~~and~~

42 (4) ~~is undergoing a comprehensive life cycle management project~~



- 1 to enhance the safe and reliable operation of the facility during
2 the period the facility is licensed to operate by the United States
3 Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- 4 (b) The term includes the transmission lines and other associated
5 equipment employed specifically to serve a nuclear energy production
6 or generating facility.
- 7 SECTION 4. IC 8-1-8.8-8.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.150-2011,
8 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
9 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8.7. (a) As used in this chapter, "qualified utility
10 system expenses" means the costs, **including preconstruction costs**,
11 associated with the study, analysis, or development of a:
- 12 **(1) new energy production or generating facility or a new**
13 **nuclear energy production or generating facility; or**
14 **(2) life cycle management project for a nuclear energy production**
15 or generating facility.
- 16 **(b) The term includes siting, design, licensing, and permitting**
17 **costs, regardless of whether the facility for which such costs are**
18 **incurred is ultimately constructed or placed in service.**

