

## S.F. No. 3051 – Energy facilities and public utilities provisions modifications

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Section 1. **Economic and community development.** Authorizes the Public Utilities Commissioner (PUC) to allow a public utility to recover reasonable expenses from ratepayers for their efforts to maximize employment of local workers to construct and maintain generation facilities that supply power to the utility’s customers.

Section 2. **Cost recovery.** Allows a utility to recover costs incurred for efforts to maximize employment of local workers to construct and maintain generation facilities that supply power to the utility’s customers.

Section 3. **Local benefits.** Requires the PUC to take all reasonable actions to ensure that the renewable energy standard statute is implemented to maximize benefits for local workers and balances local job impacts along with other factors.

Section 4. **Definitions.** Adds definitions for “local job impacts” and “local workers.”

Section 5. **Preference for local job creation.** Requires a utility to include, as part of its resource plan filing, a report on local job impacts and efforts to maximize construction employment opportunities for local workers. Requires the PUC to give preference to proposals that maximize local job creation when evaluating any utility proposal that involves selection or construction of facilities.

Section 6. **Bidding; exemption from certificate of need proceeding.** Requires a utility to consider local job impacts if it selects energy resources through a bidding process.

Section 7. **Transmission planning in advance of generation retirement.** Requires a utility to identify, in its resource plan, each nonrenewable facility whose depreciation term, service life, or operating license will end within 15 years, and its plan to replace the resource and to upgrade transmission resources needed to support the retirement.

Section 8. **Exemptions.** Exempts certain wind and solar projects from the certificate of need process.

Section 9. **Solar energy generating system.** Amends the definition of "solar energy generating system" to include transmission lines designed for and capable of operating at 100 kilovolts or less that interconnect a solar energy generating system with a high-voltage transmission line.

Section 10. **Applicable projects.** Allows longer transmission lines (changed from five to 30 miles in length) to use the existing alternative route permit review process.