

## **Surplus Interconnection Service Amendments**

## 2026 GENERAL SESSION

# STATE OF UTAH

## **Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins**

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## LONG TITLE

### **General Description:**

This bill makes changes to the Energy Resource Procurement Act.

## Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires an affected electrical utility to analyze surplus interconnection service opportunities in integrated resource plan filings;
- ▶ allows an affected electrical utility to solicit information from non-utility owned facilities regarding surplus interconnection service;
- ▶ requires an affected electrical utility to consider surplus interconnection service in the on plan;
- ▶ requires the commission to encourage inclusion of surplus interconnection service in integrated resource plans; and
- ▶ provides that an affected electrical utility may recover approved costs for surplus interconnection service projects.

### **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

## Other Special Clauses:

None

## Utah Code Sections Affected:

## ENACTS:

**54-17-1201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **54-17-1201** is enacted to read:

## Part 12. Surplus Interconnection Service

## 54-17-1201 . Surplus interconnection service -- Analysis and plan -- Cost

31 recovery.

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Generator" means a facility that holds a large generator interconnection agreement.

34 (b) "Interconnection service" means the service provided by a transmission provider  
35 associated with interconnecting a generator to the transmission system and enabling  
36 the transmission system to receive electric energy and capacity from the generator at  
37 the point of interconnection.

38 (c) "Large generator interconnection agreement" means an agreement that establishes  
39 the terms and conditions under which a generator with a capacity greater than 20  
40 megawatts interconnects with the transmission system.

41 (d) "Point of interconnection" means the location where a generator connects to the  
42 transmission system.

43 (e) "Surplus interconnection service" means any unneeded portion of interconnection  
44 service established in a large generator interconnection agreement, such that if  
45 surplus interconnection service is utilized, the interconnection service limit at the  
46 point of interconnection would remain the same.

47 (2) In any integrated resource plan filing, an affected electrical utility shall:

48 (a) analyze generators owned by the affected electrical utility for potential surplus  
49 interconnection service opportunities, including:  
50 (i) the total amount of unused capacity at the generator; and  
51 (ii) whether the generator has any physical site characteristics that make surplus  
52 interconnection service prudent, or that may render surplus interconnection  
53 service unworkable;

54 (b) consider surplus interconnection service in the action plan as described in Section  
55 54-17-301; and

56 (c) include the analysis described in Subsection (2)(a) in the filing to the commission.

57 (3) An affected electrical utility may solicit information from non-utility owned facilities to  
58 determine the potential for surplus interconnection service.

59 (4) The commission shall encourage an affected electrical utility to include surplus  
60 interconnection service in an integrated resource plan.

61 (5) If the commission determines, based on the analysis and action plan provided by an  
62 affected electrical utility under Subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b), that the deployment of  
63 surplus interconnection service is cost-effective, the commission shall approve the  
64 affected electrical utility's recovery of the prudently incurred costs of surplus

65        interconnection service projects.

66        **Section 2. Effective Date.**

67        This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.