

**ELECTRIC DEREGULATION AND CUSTOMER
CHOICE TASK FORCE AMENDMENTS**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS IN GENERAL; ADDRESSING FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF THE ELECTRIC DEREGULATION AND CUSTOMER CHOICE TASK FORCE; ADDRESSING DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; REAUTHORIZING THE ELECTRIC DEREGULATION AND CUSTOMER CHOICE TASK FORCE; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

54-7-12.5, as enacted by Chapter 62, Laws of Utah 1999

63-55b-154, as enacted by Chapter 62, Laws of Utah 1999

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

Section 1. Section **54-7-12.5** is amended to read:

54-7-12.5. Electric Deregulation and Customer Choice Task Force.

(1) (a) There is reauthorized the Electric Deregulation and Customer Choice Task Force created by Chapter 176, Laws of Utah 1997, consisting of the following members:

(i) five members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party; and

(ii) seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than five of whom may be from the same political party.

(b) (i) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a)(i) as a cochair of the task force.

(ii) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) as a cochair of the task force.

(c) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative interim committees.

(d) ~~(i)~~ The task force ~~shall~~ may meet ~~[at least twice each year, but may meet quarterly]~~ as often as twice a month, if the chairs determine that the ~~[additional]~~ meetings are needed.

~~[(ii) If the chairs determine that the task force should meet more than quarterly each year, the chairs of the task force may ask for approval of additional meetings from the Legislative Management Committee.]~~

(e) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(f) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

(2) The task force shall:

(a) prepare legislation that intends to implement an electrical restructuring plan to be presented to the Legislature for consideration during the 2001 Annual General Session, unless it is not in Utah's best interest;

(b) monitor the implementation of the legislation described in Subsection (2)(a), if passed by the Legislature;

~~(a)~~ (c) study ~~[possible]~~ electrical restructuring in and its effects on Utah;

~~(b)~~ (d) remain informed about developments in electrical restructuring on the federal level and in other states; and

~~(c)~~ (e) monitor states that have implemented an electrical restructuring plan to learn from the experiences of those states.

(3) In addition to the assistance of the Public Service Commission under Section 54-7-12.7, the task force may request assistance from public and private resources as part of its study.

(4) The task force shall report at least annually to the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee.

Section 2. Section **63-55b-154** is amended to read:

63-55b-154. Repeal dates -- Title 54.

Sections 54-7-12.5 and 54-7-12.7 are repealed November 30, ~~[2000]~~ 2002.