

**Senator Michael G. Waddoups** proposes to substitute the following bill:

**ELECTRICAL 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 ELECTRICAL DEREGULATION AND CUSTOMER CHOICE TASK FORCE; REAUTHORIZING THE ELECTRICAL 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.

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

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

30 (d) (i) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (1)(d)(ii), the task force shall meet at least  
31 ~~[twice each year]~~ once each month, but may meet ~~[quarterly]~~ bimonthly, if the chairs determine  
32 that the additional meetings are needed.

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

36 (ii) The task force is not required to meet during:

37 (A) December; or

38 (B) a legislative session.

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

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

43 (2) The task force shall:

44 (a) study possible electrical restructuring in and its effects on Utah;

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

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

49 (3) In addition to the assistance of the Public Service Commission under Section  
50 54-7-12.7, the task force may request assistance from public and private resources as part of its  
51 study.

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

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

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

56 Sections 54-7-12.5 and 54-7-12.7 are repealed November 30, ~~[2000]~~ 2002.