

HB 783 -- ENERGY REGULATION

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This bill changes laws involving energy regulation. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Broadens the definition of "hydropower" for purposes of producing renewable energy under Chapter 393, RSMo, to include operations using pumped storage and producing more than 10 megawatts of power. Existing generating facilities that meet this definition will meet the criteria for producing renewable energy under the mandatory Sections 393.1020 to 393.1045. All hydroelectric power facilities in Missouri, owned by Missouri utilities, or operating under a purchased power agreement will meet the criteria for producing renewable energy beginning January 1, 2018. All hydroelectric power must be classified as renewable energy under the mandates beginning January 1, 2021; and

(2) Defines utility programs that issue solar rebates granted under Section 393.1030 as eligible to be considered a "demand side program" for purposes of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act under Section 393.1075.