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SENATE BILL NO. 501

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EIGEL.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 393.135, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to clean energy generation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 393.135, RSMo, is repealed and sixteen

- 2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections
- **3** 393.135, 393.1250, 393.1253, 393.1256, 393.1259, 393.1262,
- 4 393.1265, 393.1268, 393.1271, 393.1274, 393.1277, 393.1280,
- 5 393.1286, 393.1289, 393.1292, and 393.1295, to read as follows:

393.135. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of

- this section and in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, any
- 3 charge made or demanded by an electrical corporation for
- 4 service, or in connection therewith, which is based on the
- 5 costs of construction in progress upon any existing or new
- 6 facility of the electrical corporation, or any other cost
- 7 associated with owning, operating, maintaining, or financing
- 8 any property before it is fully operational and used for
- 9 service, is unjust and unreasonable, and is prohibited.
- 10 2. The commission may authorize an electrical
- 11 corporation to make or demand charges for service based in
- 12 whole or in part on additional amortizations to maintain an
- 13 electrical corporation's financial ratios that, in the
- 14 commission's judgment, are designed to assist the electrical
- 15 corporation in constructing cost-effective baseload nuclear
- 16 generating plants or facilities.

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393.1250. 1. The provisions of sections 393.1250 to 2 393.1295 shall be known and may be cited as the "Powering Missouri's Future Act". Sections 393.1250 to 393.1295 shall 3 only apply to nuclear generating plants or facilities that 4 are placed into commercial operation after August 28, 2023. 5 6

- Where an electrical corporation forms a subsidiary corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity to acquire, finance, license, construct, own, operate, maintain, or decommission a nuclear generating plant or facility in whole or in part to supply electricity to the electrical corporation's ratepayers, all capital costs and expenses incurred by the subsidiary in connection with the nuclear generating plant or facility shall be treated, for all ratemaking and regulatory purposes, as well as any other purpose pursuant to sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, as if the costs and expenses were incurred directly by the electrical corporation and as if the plant or facility itself was owned directly by the electrical corporation. Moreover, for all purposes of the assessment and levy of property taxes under Missouri law, including chapters 137, 138, 151, and 153, the property of a subsidiary of an electrical corporation owning a nuclear generating plant or facility as described above shall be treated as if it were owned by the electrical corporation.
 - Nothing in subsection 2 of this section is intended to alter ownership of the project between the electrical corporation and any such subsidiary or other entity for any other purpose, including but not limited to, the granting of any interest in such subsidiary or other entity of the assets thereof in connection with any financing or otherwise.
- 4. Within thirty days after the effective date of sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, the commission shall convene 32

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- 33 a docket to consider the relative merits of various methods
- 34 to finance new nuclear generating plants and facilities,
- 35 including consideration of financing such plants and
- 36 facilities without utilization of the provisions of sections
- 37 393.1250 to 393.1295, financing such plants and facilities
- 38 using the additional amortizations provided for in
- 39 subsection 2 of section 393.135, financing such plants and
- 40 facilities using revised rates under sections 393.1265 and
- 41 393.1274, as well as any other method of financing such
- 42 plants and facilities or combination thereof. The
- 43 commission shall issue a report to the governor and general
- 44 assembly no later than August 28, 2024.
 - 393.1253. As used in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295,
- 2 the following words and phrases mean:
- 3 (1) "AFUDC", the allowance for funds used during
- 4 construction of a facility calculated according to
- 5 regulatory accounting principles;
- 6 (2) "Capital costs", all capital costs including
- 7 applicable taxes, associated with the design, siting,
- 8 selection, acquisition, licensing, construction, testing,
- 9 and placing into service of a nuclear generating plant or
- 10 facility, and ancillary facilities, as well as capital costs
- 11 incurred to expand or upgrade the transmission grid in order
- 12 to connect the generating plant or facility to the
- 13 transmission grid, under generally accepted principles of
- 14 regulatory or financial accounting. This includes all costs
- 15 described in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's
- 16 Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Public Utilities
- 17 and Licensees Subject to the Provisions of the Federal Power
- 18 Act, Electric Plant Instructions, as components of
- 19 construction cost in 18 CFR Part 101, including AFUDC, and
- 20 capital costs associated with facilities or investments for

the transportation, delivery, storage, handling, and

- 22 disposal of fuel;
- 23 (3) "Commission", the Missouri Public Service
- 24 Commission;
- 25 (4) "Construction work in progress", the electrical
- 26 corporation's share of all capital costs associated with a
- 27 nuclear generating plant or facility, which have been
- 28 incurred but have not been included in the electrical
- 29 corporation's plant in service, and are recorded in Federal
- 30 Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts
- 31 Prescribed for Public Utilities and Licensees Subject to the
- 32 Provisions of the Federal Power Act, Balance Sheet Chart
- 33 Accounts, as construction work in progress for electric
- 34 plants in 18 CFR Part 101, or any other account established
- 35 in the Uniform System of Accounts for the recording of
- 36 construction work in progress;
- 37 (5) "Cost of tax capitalized interest", for any
- 38 period, the sum of all federal and state income tax for such
- 39 period attributable to the disallowance of interest
- 40 deductions due to tax capitalized interest, which amount
- 41 shall include a gross-up for income taxes. The cost of tax
- 42 capitalized interest shall be computed using the following
- 43 formula: (tax capitalized interest times the composite
- 44 federal and state income tax rate used in the electrical
- 45 corporation's most recent ratemaking proceeding, as adjusted
- 46 to reflect changes, if any, to statutory tax rates
- 47 applicable to the period) divided by (one minus the
- 48 electrical corporation's composite federal and state income
- 49 tax rate);
- 50 (6) "Expedited rate revisions", a revised schedule of
- 51 electric rates and charges reflecting a change to the
- 52 electrical corporation's then current nonfuel and purchased

53 power rates and charges to add incremental revenue

- 54 requirements related to a nuclear generating plant or
- facility as authorized in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295;
- 56 (7) "Expedited rate revision proceedings", all
- 57 proceedings to consider an application for revised rates or
- 58 review of a revised rates order;
- (8) "Facility review application", an application for
- 60 a facility review order;
- 61 (9) "Facility review order", an order issued by the
- 62 commission under section 393.1265;
- 63 (10) "General rate proceeding", a proceeding before
- the commission under section 386.390, or section 393.150 and
- other applicable provisions for the establishment of new
- 66 electric rates and charges, and where orders in general rate
- 67 proceedings are referenced in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295,
- 68 such orders include revised rate orders issued in
- 69 proceedings under sections 393.1259 to 393.1280;
- 70 (11) "In-service expenses", all reasonably projected
- 71 expenses of the type recognized under generally accepted
- 72 principles of regulatory or financial accounting as a result
- 73 of a nuclear generating plant or facility commencing
- 74 commercial operation, including:
- 75 (a) Expenses associated with operating and maintaining
- 76 the facility, as well as taxes and governmental charges,
- 77 including taxes other than income taxes, applicable to the
- 78 facility;
- 79 (b) Depreciation and amortization expenses related to
- 80 the facility;
- 81 (c) The weighted average cost of capital applied to
- 82 the electrical corporation's investment in supplies,
- 83 inventories, and working capital associated with the
- 84 facility; and

85 (d) Other costs determined by the commission to be 86 appropriate for rate-making purposes, which may include, but 87 are not limited to, labor, supplies, insurance, general and 88 administrative expenses, and the cost of outside services;

- 89 (12) "Person", any individual, group, firm, 90 partnership, company, or corporation;
- 91 (13) "Political subdivision", any county or 92 municipality within this state;
- 93 (14)"Preconstruction costs", costs associated with a 94 potential nuclear generating plant or facility incurred before issuance of a facility review order, which shall be 95 limited to the costs of contracting, evaluation, design, 96 engineering, and environmental and geotechnical analysis and 97 98 permitting, including early site permitting and combined 99 construction and operating license permitting from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; 100
- 101 (15) "Project development application", an application
 102 for a project development order;
- 103 (16) "Project development order", an order issued 104 under section 393.1256;

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- 105 (17) "Prudency", the standard to be used by the
 106 commission in examining the reasonableness of management
 107 decisions made by an electrical corporation, which shall be
 108 that of a reasonable person having knowledge of the
 109 pertinent circumstances at the time the decision was made;
 - (18) "Revised rates order", an order issued by the commission under sections 393.1259 to 393.1280 approving, modifying, or denying the electrical corporation's request to charge revised rates under sections 393.1259 to 393.1280;
- 114 (19) "Tax capitalized interest", the interest that is
 115 capitalized for income tax purposes under Section 263A(f) of

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or other

- 117 provision of federal or state income tax law;
- 118 (20) "Weighted average cost of capital" or "cost of
- 119 capital", the electrical corporation's average cost of debt
- 120 and equity capital:
- 121 (a) Incorporating the:
- 122 a. Return on equity;
- b. Electrical corporation's current weighted average
- 124 cost of debt; and
- 125 c. Electrical corporation's weighted average cost of
- 126 preferred stock;
- 127 (b) Adjusting subparagraphs a and c of paragraph (a)
- of this subdivision for the effect of current income taxes
- 129 by dividing them by (one minus the composite federal and
- 130 state income tax rate used in the electrical corporation's
- 131 most recent ratemaking proceeding, as adjusted to reflect
- 132 changes, if any, to statutory tax rates applicable to the
- 133 period); and
- 134 (c) Weighting the items described in paragraph (a) of
- 135 this subdivision as adjusted in paragraph (b) of this
- 136 subdivision according to the electrical corporation's
- 137 current capital structure for ratemaking purposes.
 - 393.1256. 1. The provisions of this section apply to
 - 2 the preconstruction costs of a nuclear generating plant or
 - 3 facility under sections 393.1250 to 393.1295.
 - 4 2. After August 28, 2023, the commission may include
 - 5 preconstruction costs associated with a potential nuclear
 - 6 generating plant or facility in an electrical corporation's
 - 7 rate base, if the commission finds the electrical
 - 8 corporation was prudent and reasonable in incurring such
 - 9 preconstruction costs as part of a general rate proceeding.
 - 10 The electrical corporation's cost of tax capitalized

interest shall also be included in the electrical corporation's revenue requirement established in such a general rate proceeding on preconstruction costs included in the electrical corporation's rate base. When determining any matters related to the electrical corporation's cost of tax capitalized interest on preconstruction costs, the commission shall establish procedures to insure that ratepayers pay no more and no less than necessary to make the electrical corporation whole on an after-tax cash basis.

- 3. An electrical corporation may file a project development application with the commission for a nuclear generating plant or facility. In evaluating a project development application, the commission shall determine the prudency of the decision to incur preconstruction costs for the facility. If, based on a preponderance of the evidence, the commission determines a project applied for in a project development application is prudent, the commission may issue a project development order affirming the prudency of the electrical corporation's decision to incur preconstruction costs not already included in the electrical corporation's rate base as provided for in subsection 2 of this section.
- 4. In determining whether preconstruction costs shall be reflected in rates, the commission shall decide whether such costs are prudent based on a preponderance of the evidence.
- 5. The commission may disallow preconstruction costs for imprudence, but only to the extent that a reasonable person, acting on behalf of the electrical corporation and having knowledge of the pertinent facts, would have avoided those costs considering the information available to the electrical corporation at the time the costs were incurred.

- 6. An electrical corporation may apply to the commission to abandon a project after preconstruction costs have been included in the corporation's rate base. The electrical corporation may ask the commission to determine whether the rates being charged for the abandoned project are prudent. In that event, the electrical corporation shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the decision to abandon the project was prudent and the cost to ratepayers of abandoning the project at the time the abandonment decision was made are projected to be less than the cost to ratepayers of completing the project. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the effect of subsection 3 of this section as to a project that is not abandoned or to projects abandoned under the provisions of subsection 4 of section 393.1268.
 - 7. If a portion of a project that is abandoned is owned by a person, firm, or entity other than the electrical corporation or by a subsidiary of an electrical corporation as contemplated by subsection 2 of section 393.1250, the electrical corporation may make an application to the commission to determine whether completion of the project is prudent and in the public interest.
- 8. The electrical corporation, including any subsidiary, shall be required to seek commission approval to sell, transfer or encumber any interest in a nuclear generating plant or facility, licensed thereto, or project authorized pursuant to sections 393.1250 to 393.1295. If an electrical corporation or a subsidiary sells, transfers or assigns its interest in a combined construction and operating license, or an application therefor, from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission applicable to a nuclear generating plant or facility, and if any costs

74 associated with such combined construction and operating

- 75 license, or application therefor, have been included in the
- 76 electrical corporation's rate base as of the time of such a
- 77 sale, then the commission shall prescribe how the sums paid
- 78 by the ratepayers arising from the inclusion of such costs
- 79 in the electrical corporation's rate base shall be refunded
- 80 to ratepayers after the sale proceeds are received,
- 81 including interest at the electrical corporation's short-
- 82 term borrowing rate, pursuant to section 393.1295.
- 9. At any time after an initial project development
- 84 order has been issued, the electrical corporation may file
- 85 an amended project development application to determine the
- 86 prudency of any decision related to the facility.
- 87 10. In any commission proceeding where an electrical
- 88 corporation files a complete application for a project
- 89 development order or an amended project development order,
- 90 the commission shall issue an order deciding all issues
- 91 within one year of the date of the filing of the project
- 92 development order application.
- 93 11. Prudency determinations under this section shall
- 94 be final and not subject to further review in any future
- 95 commission proceedings.
 - 393.1259. The commission shall establish the initial
- 2 filing requirements for a facility review order under
- 3 sections 393.1259 to 393.1280 no later than September 1,
- 4 2024, and may amend those requirements at any later date.
 - 393.1262. An electrical corporation may file a
- 2 facility review order application with the commission after
- 3 the electrical corporation has received all necessary
- 4 licenses and permits for the nuclear generating plant or
- 5 facility.

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393.1265. 1. The commission may, after conducting a

- 2 hearing, issue a facility review order approving rate
- 3 recovery for the nuclear generating plant or facility
- 4 capital costs if it determines that the electrical
- 5 corporation's decision to proceed with construction of the
- 6 nuclear generating plant or facility is prudent and
- 7 reasonable considering the information available to the
- 8 electrical corporation at the time.
- 9 2. The commission shall decide all issues listed by
- 10 the electrical corporation in its application for a facility
- 11 review order no later than eleven months from the date of
- 12 filing. The commission may require quarterly expedited rate
- 13 revisions as part of the facility review order and such
- 14 order shall be binding on future commissions until the
- 15 construction of the nuclear generating plant or facility is
- 16 complete and all prudently incurred capital costs and
- 17 expenses associated with the plant are recovered in rates.
- 18 3. An electrical corporation may request expedited
- 19 rate revisions reflecting the electrical corporation's
- 20 current investment in the nuclear generating plant or
- 21 facility and the commission shall determine just and
- 22 reasonable rates using criteria previously established by
- 23 the commission or by using all the factors, allocations and
- 24 rate designs as determined in the electrical corporation's
- 25 last rate order.
- 4. An electrical corporation may petition the
- 27 commission in a new docket for an order modifying any part
- 28 of a facility review order issued under this section. The
- 29 electrical corporation shall have the burden of proving the
- 30 relief requested is:
- 31 (1) For good cause;
- 32 (2) Prudent; and

- 33 (3) Just and reasonable under the circumstances.
- 34 If the commission determines the electrical corporation
- has met its burden of proof, the commission shall grant the
- 36 relief requested.
 - 393.1268. 1. Once the commission issues a facility
- 2 review order, the facility review order constitutes a final
- 3 and binding determination that the costs of a nuclear
- 4 generating plant or facility are properly includable in
- 5 rates as and when they are incurred, and are prudently
- 6 incurred so long as the facility is constructed, or is being
- 7 constructed, within the parameters of:
- 8 (1) The approved construction schedule including
- 9 contingencies; and
- 10 (2) The approved capital cost estimates including
- 11 contingencies.
- 12 2. So long as the facility is constructed or is being
- 13 constructed in accordance with the approved schedules,
- 14 estimates, and projections set forth in a facility review
- 15 order, as adjusted by the inflation indices adopted by the
- 16 facility review order, an electrical corporation shall be
- 17 allowed to recover its capital costs related to the facility
- 18 through expedited revised rate reviews or general rate
- 19 proceedings.
- 3. Based on a preponderance of the evidence, the
- 21 commission may disallow capital costs to the extent that the
- 22 failure by the electrical corporation to avoid the
- 23 deviation, or to minimize the resulting expense, was
- 24 imprudent considering the information available at the time
- 25 that the electrical corporation could have acted to avoid
- 26 the deviation or minimize its effect. Significant weather
- 27 delays, natural disasters, changes in supplier costs,
- 28 unavailability of supply of equipment, labor or materials,

- 29 regulatory changes, or other factors beyond the electrical
- 30 corporation's control shall not result in any disallowance
- 31 of costs.
- 32 4. If any provision of section 393.135 or sections
- 33 393.1250 to 393.1295 that affects an electrical
- 34 corporation's ability to recover capital costs, including
- 35 AFUDC thereon, for a project involving a nuclear generating
- 36 plant or facility is abrogated, repealed, materially amended
- or limited by subsequent action of the general assembly,
- 38 initiative petition, constitutional amendment, or judicial
- decision before a facility review order has been issued, an
- 40 electrical corporation may abandon the project and seek
- 41 recovery of its proportionate share of capital costs,
- 42 including AFUDC, incurred by the electrical corporation in
- 43 reliance on the provisions of section 393.135 or sections
- 44 393.1250 to 393.1295 through general rate proceedings.
- 45 5. If the commission adopts a facility review order
- 46 for a nuclear generating plant or facility prior to the time
- 47 any such provision of sections 393.1250 to 393.1295 is
- 48 abrogated, repealed, materially amended, or limited by
- 49 subsequent action of the general assembly, initiative
- 50 petition, constitutional amendment, or judicial decision,
- 51 the electrical corporation shall be permitted to recover its
- 52 expenses through the commission-authorized rates as if no
- 53 abrogation, repeal, material amendment, or material
- 54 limitation had occurred.
 - 393.1271. 1. The commission may require an electrical
- 2 corporation to file periodic reports with the commission as
- 3 part of a facility review order and may prescribe
- 4 information to be provided in those reports.
- 5 2. The commission shall monitor the construction of
- 6 the nuclear generating plant or facility and expenditure of

7 capital through review and audit of reports under this

- 8 section, and shall have the right to inspect the books and
- 9 records regarding the plant or facility and the physical
- 10 progress of construction.
 - 393.1274. 1. In the event the commission does not
- 2 prescribe a manner for expedited rate revisions, an
- 3 electrical corporation may file with the commission requests
- 4 for the approval of expedited rate revisions three months
- 5 after issuance of a facility review order and every three
- 6 months thereafter. Expedited rate revisions made by the
- 7 commission shall include the electrical corporation's
- 8 additional investment in the facility reflected on the
- 9 accounting books and records of the electrical corporation
- 10 that were not previously included in rates.
- 11 2. In the event the commission does not prescribe a
- 12 different means of calculating revised rate increases as
- 13 part of the facility review order under subsection 3 of
- 14 section 393.1265, or for additional revised rates
- 15 implemented under a request made under subsection 1 of this
- 16 section, an electrical corporation shall be allowed to
- 17 recover through revised rates by adding:
- 18 (1) Its weighted average cost of capital applied to
- 19 the outstanding balance of construction work in progress,
- 20 including construction work in progress arising from
- 21 preconstruction costs that have not previously been included
- 22 in the electrical corporation's rate base; and
- 23 (2) Its cost of tax capitalized interest. When
- 24 determining any matters related to the electrical
- 25 corporation's cost of tax capitalized interest, the
- 26 commission shall establish procedures to insure that
- 27 ratepayers pay no more and no less than necessary to make
- 28 the electrical corporation whole on an after-tax cash basis.

The commission shall prescribe how these expenses shall be stated on customers' bills.

- 31 Expedited rate revisions approved under subsection 3 of section 393.1265 as part of the issuance of the 32 facility review order, and expedited rates filed under 33 34 subsection 1 of this section, shall become effective 35 fourteen days after the filing of rate schedules reflecting 36 the new rates to be charged to each rate class. Such rates 37 shall be collected by the electrical corporation on an 38 interim basis subject to refund as provided for in 39 subsection 6 of this section. Any construction work in progress for which the weighted average cost of capital is 40 41 not being recovered through revised rates shall continue to 42 earn AFUDC and may be included in rates through future 43 filings. Expedited rate revisions filings under subsection 1 of this section shall include the most recent monitoring 44 45 report filed under subsection 1 of section 393.1271 updated to reflect information current as of the date specified in 46 47 the filing. For expedited rate revisions filings under subsection 1 of this section, the commission shall provide 48 49 notice of the revised rate filings to all parties to the electrical corporation's facility review application 50 51 proceeding and permit the intervention of any party filing 52 an application for intervention within two weeks of the 53 filing if such a party meets the standard for intervention contained in the commission's rules. The commission shall 54 not extend any other dates contained herein. 55
 - 4. The commission staff shall review and audit the revised rates filed under subsection 1 of this section or subsection 3 of section 393.1265 and the information supporting such rates to determine if the revised rates were calculated in accordance with the facility review order. No

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61 later than three months after the date of expedited rate 62 review filings, the commission staff shall file with the 63 commission and serve on all parties of record a verified report indicating the results of its review and audit, 64 65 propose any changes to the expedited rate revisions filing 66 or the information supporting them that the commission staff determines to be necessary to comply with the terms of the 67 68 facility review order.

- The commission may prescribe procedures for 70 receiving written and oral comments related to the report. 71 The commission staff may revise its report considering comments filed. 72
- Within six months of an expedited revised rate 73 74 revision filing, the commission shall enter an order 75 deciding the issues in accordance with the facility review 76 order, or specifying any variance between the expedited 77 rates established and the facility review order. expedited rate revisions are requested in connection with 78 the issuance of the facility review order, the commission 79 80 shall enter an order respecting revised rates within the deadline established under subsection 2 of section 393.1265 81 for granting or denying the facility review order 82 In the event the commission fails to issue an 83 application. order deciding any expedited rate revisions filing request 84 85 by the prescribed deadline, the revised rates filed by the electrical corporation shall be deemed final, and no longer 86 subject to refund, subject, however, to the final audit 87 provisions of subsection 10 of this section. 88 commission determines the electrical corporation recovered 89 90 revenues above those authorized by a facility review order, 91 the electrical corporation shall credit customer's bills for 92 the excess recovery over the following four monthly billing

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- 7. The electrical corporation seeking a rate increase through an expedited rate revisions filing shall promptly provide notice of any proposed increase to its customers in a manner prescribed by the commission.
- Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to 99 the contrary, the electrical corporation may file a final 100 101 set of revised rates for the nuclear generating plant or 102 facility to go into effect upon commercial operation of the 103 facility, the filing to be made no sooner than seven months 104 before the projected date that the facility is to commence In the final revised rates, the 105 commercial operations. 106 electrical corporation may include recovery of the weighted 107 average cost of capital applied to the actual capital costs associated with the facility and projected capital costs 108 109 through the end of the period of construction of the facility that have not previously been included in rates. 110 Rate adjustments to reflect the revenue requirement related 111 to in-service expenses shall be included in the final 112 113 revised rates and shall be based on the electrical corporation's most current budget estimates of those 114 115 expenses for the succeeding twelve-month period at the time 116 the final revised rates are filed or actual expenses, if 117 The final revised rates filing shall be processed in the same manner and fashion as other revised 118 rates filings made under subsection 1 of this section. 119
 - 9. If an electrical corporation decides to abandon the project after a facility review order approving expedited rate revisions for the project has been issued, then the capital costs related to the project, whether incurred before or after the effective date of sections 393.1250 to

125 393.1295, shall nonetheless be recoverable, provided that as 126 to the decision to abandon the project, the electrical 127 corporation shall bear the burden of proving by a 128 preponderance of the evidence that the decision was prudent and that the cost to ratepayers of abandoning the project at 129 130 the time the abandonment decision was made are projected to be less than the cost to ratepayers of completing the 131 132 project. Without limiting the effect of subsection 1 of 133 section 393.1268 as to a nuclear generating plant or 134 facility that is not abandoned, recovery of capital costs 135 may be disallowed as a result of abandoning a facility only 136 to the extent that the failure by the electrical corporation to avoid the allegedly imprudent costs, or to minimize the 137 138 magnitude of the costs, was imprudent considering the 139 information available at the time that the electrical 140 corporation could have acted to avoid or minimize the 141 The commission may order the amortization and recovery of the capital costs of the abandoned facility as 142 part of an order adjusting rates under this section or in a 143 144 general rate proceeding for the electrical corporation. 145 commission's order shall provide that the unamortized capital costs shall bear interest at the electrical 146 147 corporation's AFUDC rate, and shall be fully amortized 148 within a period not to exceed one and one-half times the 149 period during which the costs that are the subject of the 150 amortization were incurred. If a portion of the project 151 that is abandoned is owned by a person, firm, or entity 152 other than the electrical corporation or by a subsidiary of 153 an electrical corporation as contemplated by subsection 2 of 154 section 393.1250, only that portion of the construction 155 costs, with AFUDC thereon, that are associated with the 156 electrical corporation's or its subsidiary's ownership

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interest in the project shall be recovered by the electrical corporation hereunder.

After completion of a facility subject to a facility review order, the commission staff shall conduct an audit of the electrical corporation's revenues, expenses, and rates. The audit shall be based on a twelve-month test period ending no later than December thirty-first of the calendar year following the year in which the facility entered commercial operation and shall be filed within four months of the conclusion of the test period. The sole purpose of the audit shall be to determine if the costs actually recovered through all revised rates orders equal the actual capital costs for the new facility and the inservice expenses. Any over-recovery or under-recovery determined by the commission to have existed shall be credited to or recovered from ratepayers, as the case may be, through subsequent bill credits or surcharges, with interest at the utility's short-term borrowing rate.

393.1277. The provisions of this section and section 2 393.1280 shall supplement the provisions of section 386.500, and shall control to the extent inconsistent with section 3 4 386.500. Within the time allowed for seeking rehearing of a commission order under section 386.500, after issuance of a 5 6 revised rates order under section 393.1265 or 393.1274, or 7 within thirty days of the failure by the commission to issue a revised rates order as required under subsection 6 of 8 section 393.1274, any aggrieved party may apply to the 9 commission for rehearing of the revised rates order or of 10 the failure to issue a revised rates order. 11

393.1280. 1. Proceedings under this section are limited to issues related to whether the revised rates filed by the electrical corporation comply with the terms of the

4 commission order issued under section 393.1265 and with the

- 5 specific requirements of section 393.1274. Other matters
- 6 determined in orders issued under sections 393.1256 to
- 7 393.1280 or in a general rate proceeding are not subject to
- 8 review in proceedings under this section or section 393.1277.
- 9 2. If the final order increases the amount of capital
- 10 costs which the electrical corporation may recover through
- 11 revised rates, the AFUDC booked on those capital costs
- 12 between the issuance of the revised rates order and the
- 13 final order shall remain on the books of the electrical
- 14 corporation and shall not be reversed or adjusted.
- 15 Surcharges related to under collection of costs shall be
- 16 calculated without consideration of AFUDC amounts recognized
- on the capital costs during this period.
- 3. If the final order reduces the amount of capital
- 19 costs which the electrical corporation may recover through
- 20 revised rates for reasons other than the conclusive finding
- 21 that the capital costs were imprudently incurred, then the
- 22 electrical corporation may resume accrual of AFUDC on any
- 23 capital costs that were not included in expedited rate
- 24 revisions and may book an amount of AFUDC equal to the AFUDC
- 25 not recognized during the time the rates approved in the
- 26 revised rates order were in effect.
 - 393.1286. 1. Except as otherwise specified in
- 2 sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, all procedural requirements
- 3 that apply to general rate proceedings by law or regulation
- 4 shall apply to proceedings under sections 393.1250 to
- 5 393.1295, and to the judicial review of orders issued under
- 6 sections 393.1250 to 393.1295. The requirements related to
- 7 the form and content of filings to initiate general rate
- 8 proceedings shall only apply, however, to proceedings that
- 9 are combined with a general rate proceeding.

- 10 2. As to proceedings under sections 393.1250 to
- 11 393.1295 that are combined with a general rate proceeding,
- 12 the procedural requirements related to general rate
- 13 proceedings shall apply to the extent not inconsistent with
- 14 sections 393.1250 to 393.1295.
- 3. In proceedings under sections 393.1250 to 393.1295,
- 16 the electrical corporation shall have the burden of proving
- 17 the prudency of its decision to incur preconstruction costs
- under section 393.1256 and to establish the appropriateness
- of a facility review order under sections 393.1265 to
- 20 393.1274.
- 4. Commission determinations under sections 393.1256
- and 393.1265 to 393.1274 shall not be challenged, reopened,
- 23 or reviewed in any subsequent commission proceeding,
- 24 including in any general rate proceeding, except that, the
- 25 public counsel or any corporation or person or public
- 26 utility interested therein shall have the right to challenge
- 27 such determinations via an application for rehearing of the
- order making such determinations under section 386.500.
 - 393.1289. Courts of this state shall have the power to
- 2 review commission determinations made under sections
- 3 393.1256 and 393.1265 to 393.1274 in proceedings under
- 4 sections 386.510 and 386.540; provided that no court of this
- 5 state shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any
- 6 issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was
- 7 or could have been determined in a proceeding before the
- 8 commission.
- 393.1292. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
- 2 to the contrary, no state or regional agency, or political
- 3 subdivision or other local government may require any
- 4 approval, consent, permit, certificate or other condition
- 5 for the construction, operation, or maintenance of a nuclear

- 6 generating plant or facility authorized by a certificate of
- 7 public convenience and necessity issued by the commission,
- 8 except that the department of natural resources may require
- 9 permits in accordance with applicable state statutes, rules,
- 10 regulations, or standards promulgated within its authority
- 11 and within its delegated federal authority.
 - 393.1295. 1. If, prior to a nuclear generating plant
- or facility being fully operational and used, an electrical
- 3 corporation sells or transfers a license or permit
- 4 associated with such plant or facility, or sells or
- 5 transfers the nuclear generating plant or facility itself,
- 6 the commission shall require that any proceeds related to
- 7 such sale or transfer be refunded to ratepayers with
- 8 interest, to the extent any costs incurred by the
- 9 corporation to develop the license, permit, plant, or
- 10 facility have been recovered in rates.
- 11 2. Any proceeds related to an electrical corporation
- 12 from the sale or transfer of a license or permit associated
- 13 with a nuclear generating plant or facility or the sale or
- 14 transfer of a nuclear generating plant or facility, other
- 15 than a sale or transfer addressed in subsection 1 of this
- 16 section, shall be treated by the commission as proceeds from
- 17 the sale or transfer of used and useful assets.