

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

January 25, 2023
Date

Committee on Transportation & Energy.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB23-016 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 7, line 27, strike "GASES." and substitute "GASES
2 IN A VERIFIABLE MANNER THAT MEETS COLORADO'S SHORT- AND
3 LONG-TERM GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS, AS SET FORTH
4 IN SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g).".

5 Page 13, after line 23 insert:

6 "SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-1-126, **add** (2.5)
7 as follows:

8 **40-2-126. Transmission facilities - biennial review - energy**
9 **resource zones - definitions - plans - approval - cost recovery -**
10 **powerline trail consideration.** (2.5) IN REVIEWING A PLAN THAT AN
11 ELECTRIC UTILITY SUBMITS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS
12 SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE NEED FOR EXPANDED
13 TRANSMISSION CAPACITY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO
14 EXPAND CAPACITY THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION
15 LINES, IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES, AND
16 CONNECTIONS TO ORGANIZED WHOLESALE MARKETS, AS DEFINED IN
17 SECTION 40-5-108 (1)(a).".

18 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

19 Page 16, strike lines 19 through 27.

20 Page 17, strike lines 1 through 12.

21 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

1 Page 17, after line 21 insert:

2 "SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 40-42-109 as
3 follows:

4 **40-42-109. Study on expanding transmission capacity -**
5 **reporting - repeal.** (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL EXPEND MONEY FROM THE
6 OPERATIONAL FUND CREATED IN SECTION 40-42-106 TO STUDY THE NEED
7 FOR EXPANDED TRANSMISSION CAPACITY IN THE STATE, INCLUDING:

8 (a) THE ABILITY TO EXPAND CAPACITY THROUGH THE
9 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINES, IMPROVEMENTS TO
10 EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINES, AND CONNECTIONS TO ORGANIZED
11 WHOLESALE MARKETS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 40-5-108 (1)(a);

12 (b) WHETHER AND HOW EXPANDED TRANSMISSION CAPACITY WILL:

13 (I) IMPROVE THE SYSTEM RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRIC GRID AND
14 PROVIDE OPTIMAL UTILIZATION OF ELECTRICITY FLOWS IN THE STATE;

15 (II) SUPPORT THE STATE'S EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS SET FORTH
16 IN SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g);

17 (III) SUPPORT THE STATE'S FORECASTED ELECTRICITY NEEDS; AND

18 (IV) REDUCE LAND IMPACTS BY USING EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY,
19 INCLUDING FOR LARGE CAPACITY TRANSMISSION LINES; CO-LOCATING
20 MULTIPLE TRANSMISSION LINES; RECONDUCTORING TRANSMISSION LINES;
21 AND STRATEGICALLY SITING NEW TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS.

22 (2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE:

23 (a) AN INITIAL REPORT OF THE STUDY, INCLUDING ANY
24 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PRESENT THE INITIAL REPORT TO THE
25 COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024; AND

26 (b) A FINAL REPORT OF THE STUDY, INCLUDING ANY
27 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PRESENT THE FINAL REPORT TO THE JOINT
28 COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND
29 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND
30 ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, ON OR BEFORE
31 JANUARY 31, 2025.

32 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025."

33 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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