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Walsworth

SB No. 650

Proposed law authorizes DEQ in collaboration with and input from the Public Service Commission, to establish standards of performance for measuring carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units.

Proposed law provides criteria for the standards of performance.

Proposed law provides that the department can set adjusting standards of performance on fossil fuel-fired electric generating units and further determine if state standards are to be less stringent or allow for longer compliance schedules for individual units than those provided for in applicable federal rules or guidelines.

Proposed law requires the DEQ's plan establishing standards of performance for existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units to be consistent with proposed law and may include alternative compliance options for meeting standards. Requires such options to comply with a guidance document by the EPA, based on measures that can be implemented, and are consistent with present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 30:2060.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to the engrossed bill

1. Requires DEQ to collaborate with the PSC in establishing certain standards of performance.
2. Requires DEQ's plan for the standards of performance comply with federal guidance documents.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Technical amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the reengrossed bill.

1. Changed from requiring the establishment of standards of performance for carbon dioxide emissions for certain generating units to authorizing the establishment of such standards.
2. Added alternative compliance options for meeting standards and criteria for those options.