

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

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ENERGY: Urges and requests the Public Service Commission to study distributed energy generation and storage

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Public Service Commission to study the feasibility,  
3 benefits, and value of distributed energy generation and distributed energy storage  
4 resources in Louisiana to address rising electricity demand and to report its findings  
5 prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana is experiencing increasing electricity demand driven by  
7 economic development, industrial expansion, and the rapid growth of data centers and  
8 artificial intelligence infrastructure; and

9 WHEREAS, ensuring continued reliable, resilient, and affordable electricity is  
10 critical to the economic competitiveness and energy security of the state; and

11 WHEREAS, distributed energy resources, including battery storage systems, rooftop  
12 solar panels, and other controllable loads, can be aggregated into virtual power plants to  
13 provide flexible and dispatchable energy capacity; and

14 WHEREAS, demand response programs have the potential to improve grid  
15 efficiency, reduce peak demand, deliver power back to the grid, and lower costs for  
16 ratepayers while creating new economic opportunities for Louisiana residents; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission has approved demand  
18 response programs for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and large load classes  
19 of ratepayers; and

20 WHEREAS, other states have begun implementing policies and pilot programs to  
21 integrate distributed energy resources and maximize their value.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Public Service  
3 Commission to study the feasibility, benefits, and value of distributed energy generation and  
4 distributed energy storage resources in Louisiana, including aggregated resources, and to  
5 receive input from utilities, the distributed generation industry, and other relevant  
6 stakeholders regarding all of the following:

7           (1) The existing capacity of residential and commercial distributed energy resources  
8 in Louisiana.

9           (2) The potential value of these resources, individually and when aggregated as  
10 virtual power plants.

11           (3) Opportunities for private investment, including innovative Louisiana Public  
12 Service Commission approved partnership arrangements.

13           (4) Reliability and resilience benefits, including during hurricanes and other extreme  
14 weather events.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Public Service Commission shall  
16 coordinate with the Louisiana State University Energy Institute in the course of conducting  
17 the study described in this Resolution.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Public Service Commission shall  
19 provide a written report detailing its findings to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the  
20 convening of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any  
22 report produced pursuant to this Resolution be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative  
23 Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Public Service Commission to study the feasibility, benefits, and value of distributed energy generation and storage resources in Louisiana to address rising electricity demand and to provide a written report detailing its findings to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2027 R.S.