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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) The existing capacity of residential and commercial distributed energy resources in this state.

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Service Commission is urged to coordinate with the Louisiana State University Energy Institute in the course of conducting the study described in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Service Commission is urged to provide a written report detailing its findings to the legislature forty-five days prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Public Service Commission.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES