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**SENATE BILL NO. 555**  
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Reported from the Committee on Commerce and the Environment, April 3, 2003, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 91, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the supply of electrical power and energy to certain large industrial customers, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 91, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 91.026, to read as follows:

**91.026. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

- (1) "Commission", the Missouri public service commission;**
- (2) "Aluminum smelting facility", a facility whose primary industry is the smelting of aluminum and primary metals, Standard Industrial Classification Code 3334, is located in a county of the second classification, which has used over three million megawatt hours of electricity during a calendar year, and has had electrical service provided to said facility in the past, in part or whole, by a municipally owned utility and, in part or whole, by an electric generating cooperative owned by rural electric cooperatives;**
- (3) "Delivery services", transmission, distribution, or metering of electric power and energy or services ancillary thereto or related services;**
- (4) "Municipally owned utility", a utility as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 91.025;**
- (5) "Local electric service utility", an electrical corporation engaged in the furnishing of local electric service to consumers under a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the commission, any municipal electric distribution system or**

electric cooperative.

2. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, any aluminum smelting facility shall have the right to purchase and contract to purchase electric power and energy and delivery services from any provider, wherever found or located, at whatever rates or charges as contracted for, and such periods or times as is needed or necessary or convenient for the operation of such aluminum smelting facility, notwithstanding any past circumstances of supply.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 91.025, section 393.106, RSMo, and section 394.315, RSMo, to the contrary, any provider of such electric power and energy and delivery services, whether or not otherwise under Missouri regulatory jurisdiction, shall have the right to transact for and sell electric power and energy and delivery services to an aluminum smelting facility. Any transactions or contracts pursuant to this section for electric power and energy and delivery services shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the commission with regard to the determination of rates.

4. When current electric power and energy is being supplied in part or in whole by a municipally owned utility and in part or whole by an electric generating cooperative owned by rural electric cooperatives and not under any contract authorized pursuant to this section, a contract to purchase electric power and energy and delivery services shall meet the following criteria:

(1) The aluminum smelting facility's change of supplier shall have no negative financial impact on any past supplier or suppliers or to other electricity customers of such supplier or suppliers;

(2) The supply arrangements made by the aluminum smelting facility when operated in coordination with the local electric infrastructure shall not reduce the reliability of service to other customers or the safety of any person;

(3) The aluminum smelting facility's change of electric supplier shall not cause a reduction in tax revenue to the state of Missouri or any political subdivision;

(4) No billing or metering functions of any municipally owned utility will be changed or affected as a result of a change of electric supplier by such aluminum smelting facility.

5. No local electric service utility provider of electric power and energy or delivery services shall have any obligation to supply or deliver backup, peaking or emergency power to a aluminum smelting facility exercising its rights under this section, nor liability for inability or failure to provide such power, except as may be established by written contract.

6. Once an aluminum smelting facility has purchased electric power pursuant

to its rights pursuant to this section, no past supplier of energy and related services shall have any obligation to provide electric power and energy and delivery services to such aluminum smelting facility except as may be established by written contract.

**7. The provisions of this section recognize highly unique circumstances of aluminum smelting facilities and are not to be interpreted as condoning or conceding the suitability of retail electric restructuring for any customer or class of customers in the state of Missouri.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary in order to ensure the continued operation of certain aluminum smelting facilities in this state, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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