SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## **SENATE BILL NO. 1493**

**102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY** 

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR EIGEL.

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

## AN ACT

To repeal section 393.135, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to clean energy generation.

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

Section A. Section 393.135, RSMo, is repealed and sixteen 2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 393.135, 393.1250, 393.1253, 393.1256, 393.1259, 393.1262, 3 393.1265, 393.1268, 393.1271, 393.1274, 393.1277, 393.1280, 4 5 393.1286, 393.1289, 393.1292, and 393.1295, to read as follows: 393.135. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of 2 this section and in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, any 3 charge made or demanded by an electrical corporation for 4 service, or in connection therewith, which is based on the 5 costs of construction in progress upon any existing or new 6 facility of the electrical corporation, or any other cost 7 associated with owning, operating, maintaining, or financing 8 any property before it is fully operational and used for 9 service, is unjust and unreasonable, and is prohibited. The commission may authorize an electrical 10 2. corporation to make or demand charges for service based in 11 whole or in part on additional amortizations to maintain an 12 13 electrical corporation's financial ratios that, in the 14 commission's judgment, are designed to assist the electrical 15 corporation in constructing cost-effective baseload nuclear 16 generating plants or facilities.

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393.1250. 1. The provisions of sections 393.1250 to 393.1295 shall be known and may be cited as the "Powering Missouri's Future Act". Sections 393.1250 to 393.1295 shall only apply to nuclear generating plants or facilities that are placed into commercial operation after August 28, 2024.

6 2. Where an electrical corporation forms a subsidiary 7 corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or 8 other entity to acquire, finance, license, construct, own, 9 operate, maintain, or decommission a nuclear generating 10 plant or facility in whole or in part to supply electricity to the electrical corporation's ratepayers, all capital 11 costs and expenses incurred by the subsidiary in connection 12 with the nuclear generating plant or facility shall be 13 14 treated, for all ratemaking and regulatory purposes, as well 15 as any other purpose pursuant to sections 393.1250 to 16 393.1295, as if the costs and expenses were incurred 17 directly by the electrical corporation and as if the plant or facility itself was owned directly by the electrical 18 corporation. Moreover, for all purposes of the assessment 19 20 and levy of property taxes under Missouri law, including chapters 137, 138, 151, and 153, the property of a 21 22 subsidiary of an electrical corporation owning a nuclear 23 generating plant or facility as described above shall be 24 treated as if it were owned by the electrical corporation.

3. Nothing in subsection 2 of this section is intended to alter ownership of the project between the electrical corporation and any such subsidiary or other entity for any other purpose, including, but not limited to, the granting of any interest in such subsidiary or other entity of the assets thereof in connection with any financing or otherwise.

4. Within thirty days after the effective date of
sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, the commission shall convene

33 a docket to consider the relative merits of various methods 34 to finance new nuclear generating plants and facilities, 35 including consideration of financing such plants and facilities without utilization of the provisions of sections 36 393.1250 to 393.1295, financing such plants and facilities 37 38 using the additional amortizations provided for in subsection 2 of section 393.135, financing such plants and 39 40 facilities using revised rates under sections 393.1265 and 393.1274, as well as any other method of financing such 41 42 plants and facilities or combination thereof. The 43 commission shall issue a report to the governor and general 44 assembly no later than August 28, 2025.

393.1253. As used in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295,the following words and phrases mean:

3 (1) "AFUDC", the allowance for funds used during
4 construction of a facility calculated according to
5 regulatory accounting principles;

"Capital costs", all capital costs including 6 (2) 7 applicable taxes, associated with the design, siting, selection, acquisition, licensing, construction, testing, 8 9 and placing into service of a nuclear generating plant or facility, and ancillary facilities, as well as capital costs 10 incurred to expand or upgrade the transmission grid in order 11 12 to connect the generating plant or facility to the transmission grid, under generally accepted principles of 13 14 regulatory or financial accounting. This includes all costs 15 described in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts Prescribed for Public Utilities 16 17 and Licensees Subject to the Provisions of the Federal Power 18 Act, Electric Plant Instructions, as components of 19 construction cost in 18 CFR Part 101, including AFUDC, and capital costs associated with facilities or investments for 20

21 the transportation, delivery, storage, handling, and 22 disposal of fuel;

23 (3) "Commission", the Missouri public service
 24 commission;

25 "Construction work in progress", the electrical (4) 26 corporation's share of all capital costs associated with a 27 nuclear generating plant or facility, which have been 28 incurred but have not been included in the electrical 29 corporation's plant in service, and are recorded in Federal 30 Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts 31 Prescribed for Public Utilities and Licensees Subject to the Provisions of the Federal Power Act, Balance Sheet Chart 32 33 Accounts, as construction work in progress for electric 34 plants in 18 CFR Part 101, or any other account established 35 in the Uniform System of Accounts for the recording of 36 construction work in progress;

37 (5) "Cost of tax capitalized interest", for any 38 period, the sum of all federal and state income tax for such 39 period attributable to the disallowance of interest 40 deductions due to tax capitalized interest, which amount shall include a gross-up for income taxes. The cost of tax 41 capitalized interest shall be computed using the following 42 formula: (tax capitalized interest times the composite 43 44 federal and state income tax rate used in the electrical 45 corporation's most recent ratemaking proceeding, as adjusted 46 to reflect changes, if any, to statutory tax rates applicable to the period) divided by (one minus the 47 electrical corporation's composite federal and state income 48 49 tax rate);

50 (6) "Expedited rate revisions", a revised schedule of 51 electric rates and charges reflecting a change to the 52 electrical corporation's then current nonfuel and purchased

53 power rates and charges to add incremental revenue 54 requirements related to a nuclear generating plant or 55 facility as authorized in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295;

56 (7) "Expedited rate revision proceedings", all
57 proceedings to consider an application for revised rates or
58 review of a revised rates order;

(8) "Facility review application", an application for
a facility review order;

61 (9) "Facility review order", an order issued by the
62 commission under section 393.1265;

(10) "General rate proceeding", a proceeding before the commission under section 386.390, or section 393.150 and other applicable provisions for the establishment of new electric rates and charges, and where orders in general rate proceedings are referenced in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, such orders include revised rate orders issued in proceedings under sections 393.1259 to 393.1280;

(11) "In-service expenses", all reasonably projected
expenses of the type recognized under generally accepted
principles of regulatory or financial accounting as a result
of a nuclear generating plant or facility commencing
commercial operation, including:

(a) Expenses associated with operating and maintaining
the facility, as well as taxes and governmental charges,
including taxes other than income taxes, applicable to the
facility;

79 (b) Depreciation and amortization expenses related to
 80 the facility;

81 (c) The weighted average cost of capital applied to
82 the electrical corporation's investment in supplies,
83 inventories, and working capital associated with the
84 facility; and

(d) Other costs determined by the commission to be
appropriate for rate-making purposes, which may include, but
are not limited to, labor, supplies, insurance, general and
administrative expenses, and the cost of outside services;

89 (12) "Person", any individual, group, firm,
90 partnership, company, or corporation;

91 (13) "Political subdivision", any county or
92 municipality within this state;

93 (14)"Preconstruction costs", costs associated with a 94 potential nuclear generating plant or facility incurred before issuance of a facility review order, which shall be 95 limited to the costs of contracting, evaluation, design, 96 engineering, and environmental and geotechnical analysis and 97 98 permitting, including early site permitting and combined 99 construction and operating license permitting from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; 100

101 (15) "Project development application", an application
 102 for a project development order;

(16) "Project development order", an order issued
under section 393.1256;

(17) "Prudency", the standard to be used by the
 commission in examining the reasonableness of management
 decisions made by an electrical corporation, which shall be
 that of a reasonable person having knowledge of the
 pertinent circumstances at the time the decision was made;

(18) "Revised rates order", an order issued by the
commission under sections 393.1259 to 393.1280 approving,
modifying, or denying the electrical corporation's request
to charge revised rates under sections 393.1259 to 393.1280;

(19) "Tax capitalized interest", the interest that is
 capitalized for income tax purposes under Section 263A(f) of

116 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or other 117 provision of federal or state income tax law;

(20) "Weighted average cost of capital" or "cost of
 capital", the electrical corporation's average cost of debt
 and equity capital:

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(a) Incorporating the:

122 a. Return on equity;

b. Electrical corporation's current weighted averagecost of debt; and

125 c. Electrical corporation's weighted average cost of
 126 preferred stock;

(b) Adjusting subparagraphs a and c of paragraph (a) of this subdivision for the effect of current income taxes by dividing them by (one minus the composite federal and state income tax rate used in the electrical corporation's most recent ratemaking proceeding, as adjusted to reflect changes, if any, to statutory tax rates applicable to the period); and

(c) Weighting the items described in paragraph (a) of
this subdivision as adjusted in paragraph (b) of this
subdivision according to the electrical corporation's
current capital structure for ratemaking purposes.

393.1256. 1. The provisions of this section apply to the preconstruction costs of a nuclear generating plant or facility under sections 393.1250 to 393.1295.

After August 28, 2024, the commission may include
preconstruction costs associated with a potential nuclear
generating plant or facility in an electrical corporation's
rate base, if the commission finds the electrical
corporation was prudent and reasonable in incurring such
preconstruction costs as part of a general rate proceeding.
The electrical corporation's cost of tax capitalized

11 interest shall also be included in the electrical 12 corporation's revenue requirement established in such a 13 general rate proceeding on preconstruction costs included in the electrical corporation's rate base. When determining 14 15 any matters related to the electrical corporation's cost of 16 tax capitalized interest on preconstruction costs, the 17 commission shall establish procedures to ensure that 18 ratepayers pay no more and no less than necessary to make 19 the electrical corporation whole on an after-tax cash basis.

20 3. An electrical corporation may file a project 21 development application with the commission for a nuclear generating plant or facility. In evaluating a project 22 development application, the commission shall determine the 23 24 prudency of the decision to incur preconstruction costs for 25 the facility. If, based on a preponderance of the evidence, 26 the commission determines a project applied for in a project 27 development application is prudent, the commission may issue a project development order affirming the prudency of the 28 29 electrical corporation's decision to incur preconstruction 30 costs not already included in the electrical corporation's 31 rate base as provided for in subsection 2 of this section.

4. In determining whether preconstruction costs shall
be reflected in rates, the commission shall decide whether
such costs are prudent based on a preponderance of the
evidence.

5. The commission may disallow preconstruction costs for imprudence, but only to the extent that a reasonable person, acting on behalf of the electrical corporation and having knowledge of the pertinent facts, would have avoided those costs considering the information available to the electrical corporation at the time the costs were incurred.

42 6. An electrical corporation may apply to the 43 commission to abandon a project after preconstruction costs 44 have been included in the corporation's rate base. The electrical corporation may ask the commission to determine 45 46 whether the rates being charged for the abandoned project 47 are prudent. In that event, the electrical corporation 48 shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the 49 evidence that the decision to abandon the project was 50 prudent and the cost to ratepayers of abandoning the project 51 at the time the abandonment decision was made are projected to be less than the cost to ratepayers of completing the 52 project. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to 53 limit the effect of subsection 3 of this section as to a 54 project that is not abandoned or to projects abandoned under 55 the provisions of subsection 4 of section 393.1268. 56

57 7. If a portion of a project that is abandoned is 58 owned by a person, firm, or entity other than the electrical 59 corporation or by a subsidiary of an electrical corporation 60 as contemplated by subsection 2 of section 393.1250, the 61 electrical corporation may make an application to the 62 commission to determine whether completion of the project is 63 prudent and in the public interest.

64 8. The electrical corporation, including any 65 subsidiary, shall be required to seek commission approval to 66 sell, transfer, or encumber any interest in a nuclear generating plant or facility, licensed thereto, or project 67 authorized pursuant to sections 393.1250 to 393.1295. 68 If an electrical corporation or a subsidiary sells, transfers, or 69 assigns its interest in a combined construction and 70 71 operating license, or an application therefor, from the 72 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission applicable to a 73 nuclear generating plant or facility, and if any costs

74 associated with such combined construction and operating 75 license, or application therefor, have been included in the 76 electrical corporation's rate base as of the time of such a 77 sale, then the commission shall prescribe how the sums paid by the ratepayers arising from the inclusion of such costs 78 79 in the electrical corporation's rate base shall be refunded 80 to ratepayers after the sale proceeds are received, 81 including interest at the electrical corporation's short-82 term borrowing rate, pursuant to section 393.1295.

9. At any time after an initial project development order has been issued, the electrical corporation may file an amended project development application to determine the prudency of any decision related to the facility.

10. In any commission proceeding where an electrical corporation files a complete application for a project development order or an amended project development order, the commission shall issue an order deciding all issues within one year of the date of the filing of the project development order application.

93 11. Prudency determinations under this section shall
94 be final and not subject to further review in any future
95 commission proceedings.

393.1259. The commission shall establish the initial
filing requirements for a facility review order under
sections 393.1259 to 393.1280 no later than September 1,
2025, and may amend those requirements at any later date.

393.1262. An electrical corporation may file a facility review order application with the commission after the electrical corporation has received all necessary licenses and permits for the nuclear generating plant or facility.

393.1265. 1. The commission may, after conducting a 2 hearing, issue a facility review order approving rate 3 recovery for the nuclear generating plant or facility capital costs if it determines that the electrical 4 corporation's decision to proceed with construction of the 5 6 nuclear generating plant or facility is prudent and reasonable considering the information available to the 7 8 electrical corporation at the time.

9 2. The commission shall decide all issues listed by 10 the electrical corporation in its application for a facility review order no later than eleven months from the date of 11 The commission may require quarterly expedited rate 12 filing. revisions as part of the facility review order and such 13 order shall be binding on future commissions until the 14 construction of the nuclear generating plant or facility is 15 16 complete and all prudently incurred capital costs and 17 expenses associated with the plant are recovered in rates.

An electrical corporation may request expedited 18 3. 19 rate revisions reflecting the electrical corporation's 20 current investment in the nuclear generating plant or 21 facility and the commission shall determine just and 22 reasonable rates using criteria previously established by the commission or by using all the factors, allocations, and 23 24 rate designs as determined in the electrical corporation's 25 last rate order.

4. An electrical corporation may petition the commission in a new docket for an order modifying any part of a facility review order issued under this section. The electrical corporation shall have the burden of proving the relief requested is:

31 (1) For good cause;

32 (2) Prudent; and

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(3) Just and reasonable under the circumstances.

34 If the commission determines the electrical corporation has 35 met its burden of proof, the commission shall grant the 36 relief requested.

393.1268. 1. Once the commission issues a facility review order, the facility review order constitutes a final and binding determination that the costs of a nuclear generating plant or facility are properly includable in rates as and when they are incurred, and are prudently incurred so long as the facility is constructed, or is being constructed, within the parameters of:

8 (1) The approved construction schedule including
 9 contingencies; and

10 (2) The approved capital cost estimates including11 contingencies.

12 2. So long as the facility is constructed or is being 13 constructed in accordance with the approved schedules, estimates, and projections set forth in a facility review 14 order, as adjusted by the inflation indices adopted by the 15 16 facility review order, an electrical corporation shall be 17 allowed to recover its capital costs related to the facility through expedited revised rate reviews or general rate 18 19 proceedings.

20 3. Based on a preponderance of the evidence, the 21 commission may disallow capital costs to the extent that the 22 failure by the electrical corporation to avoid the 23 deviation, or to minimize the resulting expense, was 24 imprudent considering the information available at the time 25 that the electrical corporation could have acted to avoid the deviation or minimize its effect. Significant weather 26 delays, natural disasters, changes in supplier costs, 27

28 unavailability of supply of equipment, labor or materials, 29 regulatory changes, or other factors beyond the electrical 30 corporation's control shall not result in any disallowance 31 of costs.

If any provision of section 393.135 or sections 32 4. 33 393.1250 to 393.1295 that affects an electrical 34 corporation's ability to recover capital costs, including AFUDC thereon, for a project involving a nuclear generating 35 36 plant or facility is abrogated, repealed, materially amended 37 or limited by subsequent action of the general assembly, initiative petition, constitutional amendment, or judicial 38 decision before a facility review order has been issued, an 39 40 electrical corporation may abandon the project and seek 41 recovery of its proportionate share of capital costs, 42 including AFUDC, incurred by the electrical corporation in 43 reliance on the provisions of section 393.135 or sections 44 393.1250 to 393.1295 through general rate proceedings.

If the commission adopts a facility review order 45 5. 46 for a nuclear generating plant or facility prior to the time any such provision of sections 393.1250 to 393.1295 is 47 abrogated, repealed, materially amended, or limited by 48 subsequent action of the general assembly, initiative 49 50 petition, constitutional amendment, or judicial decision, 51 the electrical corporation shall be permitted to recover its 52 expenses through the commission-authorized rates as if no abrogation, repeal, material amendment, or material 53 54 limitation had occurred.

393.1271. 1. The commission may require an electrical
corporation to file periodic reports with the commission as
part of a facility review order and may prescribe
information to be provided in those reports.

5 2. The commission shall monitor the construction of 6 the nuclear generating plant or facility and expenditure of 7 capital through review and audit of reports under this 8 section, and shall have the right to inspect the books and 9 records regarding the plant or facility and the physical 10 progress of construction.

In the event the commission does not 393.1274. 1. 2 prescribe a manner for expedited rate revisions, an 3 electrical corporation may file with the commission requests 4 for the approval of expedited rate revisions three months after issuance of a facility review order and every three 5 6 months thereafter. Expedited rate revisions made by the 7 commission shall include the electrical corporation's 8 additional investment in the facility reflected on the 9 accounting books and records of the electrical corporation 10 that were not previously included in rates.

11 2. In the event the commission does not prescribe a 12 different means of calculating revised rate increases as 13 part of the facility review order under subsection 3 of 14 section 393.1265, or for additional revised rates 15 implemented under a request made under subsection 1 of this 16 section, an electrical corporation shall be allowed to 17 recover through revised rates by adding:

(1) Its weighted average cost of capital applied to
the outstanding balance of construction work in progress,
including construction work in progress arising from
preconstruction costs that have not previously been included
in the electrical corporation's rate base; and

(2) Its cost of tax capitalized interest. When
 determining any matters related to the electrical
 corporation's cost of tax capitalized interest, the
 commission shall establish procedures to insure that

27 ratepayers pay no more and no less than necessary to make
28 the electrical corporation whole on an after-tax cash basis.

29 The commission shall prescribe how these expenses shall be 30 stated on customers' bills.

31 3. Expedited rate revisions approved under subsection 3 of section 393.1265 as part of the issuance of the 32 facility review order, and expedited rates filed under 33 subsection 1 of this section, shall become effective 34 fourteen days after the filing of rate schedules reflecting 35 36 the new rates to be charged to each rate class. Such rates 37 shall be collected by the electrical corporation on an 38 interim basis subject to refund as provided for in subsection 6 of this section. Any construction work in 39 40 progress for which the weighted average cost of capital is 41 not being recovered through revised rates shall continue to 42 earn AFUDC and may be included in rates through future 43 filings. Expedited rate revisions filings under subsection 1 of this section shall include the most recent monitoring 44 45 report filed under subsection 1 of section 393.1271 updated to reflect information current as of the date specified in 46 47 the filing. For expedited rate revisions filings under subsection 1 of this section, the commission shall provide 48 49 notice of the revised rate filings to all parties to the 50 electrical corporation's facility review application proceeding and permit the intervention of any party filing 51 52 an application for intervention within two weeks of the 53 filing if such a party meets the standard for intervention 54 contained in the commission's rules. The commission shall not extend any other dates contained herein. 55

56 4. The commission staff shall review and audit the 57 revised rates filed under subsection 1 of this section or

subsection 3 of section 393.1265 and the information 58 59 supporting such rates to determine if the revised rates were 60 calculated in accordance with the facility review order. No 61 later than three months after the date of expedited rate review filings, the commission staff shall file with the 62 63 commission and serve on all parties of record a verified report indicating the results of its review and audit, 64 65 propose any changes to the expedited rate revisions filing 66 or the information supporting them that the commission staff 67 determines to be necessary to comply with the terms of the facility review order. 68

5. The commission may prescribe procedures for
receiving written and oral comments related to the report.
The commission staff may revise its report considering
comments filed.

73 6. Within six months of an expedited revised rate 74 revision filing, the commission shall enter an order deciding the issues in accordance with the facility review 75 76 order, or specifying any variance between the expedited 77 rates established and the facility review order. Ιf 78 expedited rate revisions are requested in connection with 79 the issuance of the facility review order, the commission 80 shall enter an order respecting revised rates within the 81 deadline established under subsection 2 of section 393.1265 82 for granting or denying the facility review order In the event the commission fails to issue an 83 application. order deciding any expedited rate revisions filing request 84 by the prescribed deadline, the revised rates filed by the 85 electrical corporation shall be deemed final, and no longer 86 87 subject to refund, subject, however, to the final audit 88 provisions of subsection 10 of this section. If the 89 commission determines the electrical corporation recovered

90 revenues above those authorized by a facility review order, 91 the electrical corporation shall credit customer's bills for 92 the excess recovery over the following four monthly billing 93 cycles, with interest at the electrical corporation's short-94 term borrowing rate.

95 7. The electrical corporation seeking a rate increase
96 through an expedited rate revisions filing shall promptly
97 provide notice of any proposed increase to its customers in
98 a manner prescribed by the commission.

99 8. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to 100 the contrary, the electrical corporation may file a final 101 set of revised rates for the nuclear generating plant or facility to go into effect upon commercial operation of the 102 103 facility, the filing to be made no sooner than seven months 104 before the projected date that the facility is to commence 105 commercial operations. In the final revised rates, the 106 electrical corporation may include recovery of the weighted average cost of capital applied to the actual capital costs 107 associated with the facility and projected capital costs 108 109 through the end of the period of construction of the 110 facility that have not previously been included in rates. Rate adjustments to reflect the revenue requirement related 111 112 to in-service expenses shall be included in the final 113 revised rates and shall be based on the electrical 114 corporation's most current budget estimates of those 115 expenses for the succeeding twelve-month period at the time the final revised rates are filed or actual expenses, if 116 117 The final revised rates filing shall be available. processed in the same manner and fashion as other revised 118 119 rates filings made under subsection 1 of this section.

9. If an electrical corporation decides to abandon the
 project after a facility review order approving expedited

122 rate revisions for the project has been issued, then the 123 capital costs related to the project, whether incurred before or after the effective date of sections 393.1250 to 124 125 393.1295, shall nonetheless be recoverable, provided that as 126 to the decision to abandon the project, the electrical 127 corporation shall bear the burden of proving by a 128 preponderance of the evidence that the decision was prudent 129 and that the cost to ratepayers of abandoning the project at 130 the time the abandonment decision was made are projected to 131 be less than the cost to ratepayers of completing the 132 project. Without limiting the effect of subsection 1 of section 393.1268 as to a nuclear generating plant or 133 facility that is not abandoned, recovery of capital costs 134 135 may be disallowed as a result of abandoning a facility only 136 to the extent that the failure by the electrical corporation 137 to avoid the allegedly imprudent costs, or to minimize the 138 magnitude of the costs, was imprudent considering the information available at the time that the electrical 139 corporation could have acted to avoid or minimize the 140 141 The commission may order the amortization and costs. 142 recovery of the capital costs of the abandoned facility as part of an order adjusting rates under this section or in a 143 144 general rate proceeding for the electrical corporation. The 145 commission's order shall provide that the unamortized 146 capital costs shall bear interest at the electrical corporation's AFUDC rate, and shall be fully amortized 147 within a period not to exceed one and one-half times the 148 149 period during which the costs that are the subject of the 150 amortization were incurred. If a portion of the project 151 that is abandoned is owned by a person, firm, or entity 152 other than the electrical corporation or by a subsidiary of 153 an electrical corporation as contemplated by subsection 2 of

154 section 393.1250, only that portion of the construction 155 costs, with AFUDC thereon, that are associated with the 156 electrical corporation's or its subsidiary's ownership 157 interest in the project shall be recovered by the electrical 158 corporation hereunder.

159 10. After completion of a facility subject to a facility review order, the commission staff shall conduct an 160 audit of the electrical corporation's revenues, expenses, 161 162 and rates. The audit shall be based on a twelve-month test 163 period ending no later than December thirty-first of the 164 calendar year following the year in which the facility 165 entered commercial operation and shall be filed within four months of the conclusion of the test period. 166 The sole 167 purpose of the audit shall be to determine if the costs 168 actually recovered through all revised rates orders equal 169 the actual capital costs for the new facility and the in-170 service expenses. Any over-recovery or under-recovery 171 determined by the commission to have existed shall be 172 credited to or recovered from ratepayers, as the case may 173 be, through subsequent bill credits or surcharges, with 174 interest at the utility's short-term borrowing rate.

393.1277. The provisions of this section and section 2 393.1280 shall supplement the provisions of section 386.500, 3 and shall control to the extent inconsistent with section 4 386.500. Within the time allowed for seeking rehearing of a commission order under section 386.500, after issuance of a 5 revised rates order under section 393.1265 or 393.1274, or 6 within thirty days of the failure by the commission to issue 7 a revised rates order as required under subsection 6 of 8 9 section 393.1274, any aggrieved party may apply to the 10 commission for rehearing of the revised rates order or of the failure to issue a revised rates order. 11

393.1280. 1. Proceedings under this section are 2 limited to issues related to whether the revised rates filed 3 by the electrical corporation comply with the terms of the commission order issued under section 393.1265 and with the 4 specific requirements of section 393.1274. Other matters 5 6 determined in orders issued under sections 393.1256 to 7 393.1280 or in a general rate proceeding are not subject to 8 review in proceedings under this section or section 393.1277.

If the final order increases the amount of capital 9 2. 10 costs which the electrical corporation may recover through revised rates, the AFUDC booked on those capital costs 11 between the issuance of the revised rates order and the 12 final order shall remain on the books of the electrical 13 14 corporation and shall not be reversed or adjusted. 15 Surcharges related to under collection of costs shall be 16 calculated without consideration of AFUDC amounts recognized on the capital costs during this period. 17

If the final order reduces the amount of capital 18 3. 19 costs which the electrical corporation may recover through 20 revised rates for reasons other than the conclusive finding 21 that the capital costs were imprudently incurred, then the 22 electrical corporation may resume accrual of AFUDC on any 23 capital costs that were not included in expedited rate 24 revisions and may book an amount of AFUDC equal to the AFUDC 25 not recognized during the time the rates approved in the revised rates order were in effect. 26

393.1286. 1. Except as otherwise specified in sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, all procedural requirements that apply to general rate proceedings by law or regulation shall apply to proceedings under sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, and to the judicial review of orders issued under sections 393.1250 to 393.1295. The requirements related to

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7 the form and content of filings to initiate general rate 8 proceedings shall only apply, however, to proceedings that 9 are combined with a general rate proceeding.

As to proceedings under sections 393.1250 to
 393.1295 that are combined with a general rate proceeding,
 the procedural requirements related to general rate
 proceedings shall apply to the extent not inconsistent with
 sections 393.1250 to 393.1295.

3. In proceedings under sections 393.1250 to 393.1295, the electrical corporation shall have the burden of proving the prudency of its decision to incur preconstruction costs under section 393.1256 and to establish the appropriateness of a facility review order under sections 393.1265 to 393.1274.

21 4. Commission determinations under sections 393.1256 22 and 393.1265 to 393.1274 shall not be challenged, reopened, 23 or reviewed in any subsequent commission proceeding, 24 including in any general rate proceeding, except that, the 25 public counsel or any corporation or person or public utility interested therein shall have the right to challenge 26 27 such determinations via an application for rehearing of the order making such determinations under section 386.500. 28

393.1289. Courts of this state shall have the power to review commission determinations made under sections 393.1256 and 393.1265 to 393.1274 in proceedings under sections 386.510 and 386.540; provided that no court of this state shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission.

393.1292. Notwithstanding any other provision of lawto the contrary, no state or regional agency, or political

3 subdivision or other local government may require any 4 approval, consent, permit, certificate or other condition 5 for the construction, operation, or maintenance of a nuclear generating plant or facility authorized by a certificate of 6 7 public convenience and necessity issued by the commission, 8 except that the department of natural resources may require permits in accordance with applicable state statutes, rules, 9 10 regulations, or standards promulgated within its authority 11 and within its delegated federal authority.

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393.1295. 1. If, prior to a nuclear generating plant 2 or facility being fully operational and used, an electrical 3 corporation sells or transfers a license or permit associated with such plant or facility, or sells or 4 transfers the nuclear generating plant or facility itself, 5 6 the commission shall require that any proceeds related to 7 such sale or transfer be refunded to ratepayers with interest, to the extent any costs incurred by the 8 corporation to develop the license, permit, plant, or 9 10 facility have been recovered in rates.

11 2. Any proceeds related to an electrical corporation 12 from the sale or transfer of a license or permit associated 13 with a nuclear generating plant or facility or the sale or 14 transfer of a nuclear generating plant or facility, other 15 than a sale or transfer addressed in subsection 1 of this 16 section, shall be treated by the commission as proceeds from 17 the sale or transfer of used and useful assets.

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