

HB 1726 -- RENEWABLE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

SPONSOR: Kidd

The bill requires that within 60 days after receiving a request from a contract customer, and subject to reasonable credit requirements, a qualified utility must approve the use of its transmission or distribution system, pursuant to a renewable energy contract to supply some or all of the customer's electric service from one or more renewable energy facility selected by the contract customer.

A renewable energy contract may provide for electricity to be delivered to a contract customer, as specified in the bill. To be eligible for service, a contract customer must meet a minimum annual peak demand of one megawatt from one or more metered locations. Electricity generated by a renewable energy facility and delivered to a contract customer under a renewable energy contract may not be included in a net metering program under Section 386.890, RSMo. The pricing and duration of the contract is negotiated between the renewable energy facility's owner and the contract customer.

This bill requires that within 90 days of the effective date of this section, a qualified utility must file for approval by the commission or the governing body for other electric utilities a Renewable Real Time Pricing Program tariff to provide service subject to this section. A qualified utility must charge a contract customer for all metered electric service delivered to the contract customer under this program and the tariff must include rates as determined by the commission or the governing body for other electric utilities for the recovery of costs as specified in the bill.

Other terms of the renewable energy contract are specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 1279 (2015).