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Amendment 57

Small Hydro Tariff Program

Ms. Gobi and Mr. Pacheco move to amend the bill by adding the following new section:

SECTION XX. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

“Small hydropower facility”, a facility in the commonwealth with a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-rated capacity of 2 megawatts or less, using water to generate electricity that is connected to a distribution company.

“Small hydro tariff”, the default service kilowatt-hour rate of the local distribution company, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, that receives electricity from a small hydropower facility.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, regulation or procedure to the contrary, there is hereby created a small hydro tariff program for small hydropower facilities in the commonwealth. An electric distribution company shall pay a small hydropower facility monthly for electricity it received from such a facility based on the kilowatt hours of electricity the distribution company received from the facility multiplied by the small hydro tariff. A participating small hydropower facility shall notify a distribution company that it intends to deliver electricity pursuant to the small hydro tariff program and shall comply with the distribution company’s applicable reporting and interconnection requirements; provided, however that no more than 50 megawatts of small hydropower aggregate capacity state wide shall be permitted to participate in the small hydro tariff.