

A BILL

entitled

ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT ACT 2018

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Electricity Act 2016;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act, which amends the Electricity Act 2016, may be cited as the Electricity Amendment Act 2018.

Amends section 49

2 Section 49 of the Electricity Act 2016 is amended by inserting after subsection (2)—

“(2A) During any period in which there is no Integrated Resource Plan approved by the Authority under section 44(2), subsection (2)(a) shall not apply.”.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Electricity Act 2016 (the “principal Act”) to disapply section 49(2)(a) until an Integrated Resource Plan (the “IRP”) is approved by the Regulatory Authority.

Clause 1 provides the citation.

Clause 2 amends section 49 of the principal Act to insert a new subsection (2A) which provides that section 49(2)(a) shall not apply during any period in which there is no IRP approved by the Regulatory Authority under section 44(2). Currently, section 49(2)(a) provides that standard contracts between distributed generation producers, who are small scale solar producers, and the Transmission, Distribution & Retail Licensee (the “TD&R Licensee”) can only be entered into if the standard contracts are compliant with the IRP. In the absence of an approved IRP, the amendment to disapply section 49(2)(a) would allow the TD&R Licensee to connect new distributed generation producers to the grid and make payment to them for energy produced in the interim period before an IRP is approved or between IRPs.