New law creates the "Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Network Act" for the purposes of establishing a statewide electric vehicle charging technology and equipment network.

New law provides that it is the intent of the legislature that new law promotes a rapid development of a statewide electric vehicle charging network by doing all of the following:

1. Improving the quantity, quality, and variety of electric vehicle charging amenities and consumer experience services available in the state.

2. Urging the La. Public Service Commission to establish an electric vehicle charging rate structure that promotes long-term alternative fuel market competition by encouraging transparent pricing, more stable electricity costs, expanded investment opportunities in charging infrastructure, innovation, and a widespread implementation of publicly available fast charging, electric vehicle charging technology and equipment.

3. Urging the La. Public Service Commission to explore excluding persons or corporations from the definition of public utility under certain circumstances.

New law defines "commission" and "electric public utility".

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