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Proposed law provides for private use electrical networks, defined as generation, storage, and related electrical facilities that are located on contiguous, adjacent, or commonly controlled property, that serve one or more customers, and that provide power through privately-owned facilities.

Proposed law defines "identified load customer" as a large-load commercial customer.

Proposed law provides that a private use electrical network is not a public utility and not subject to Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) regulation based solely on its customer load, operator, interconnection, or MISO program participation.

Proposed law provides that maintenance of backup or standby service or export capability shall not alter the network's status.

Proposed law provides that export of electricity from such a network shall not make it a public utility.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not impair the authority of LPSC to regulate electric utilities.

Proposed law requires LPSC to adopt rules in accordance with proposed law no later than 180 days after the effective date to provide an expedited process for issuance of a declaration of nonjurisdiction, to require LPSC to issue a determination within 30 days of application receipt, and to create nondiscriminatory tariffs and interconnection procedures for backup, standby, maintenance, and export service.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 45:1231.1)