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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

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ENERGY PRODUCTION. Recreates the Task Force on Energy Infrastructure and Modernization to study polices that promote energy self-generation, industrial microgrids, and expedited permitting in the state of Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recreate and provide for the Task Force on Energy Infrastructure and Modernization to
3 study polices that promote energy self-generation, industrial microgrids, and
4 expedited permitting in the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana is experiencing an increased demand for electricity that is
6 driven by industrial expansion and power for data centers; and

7 WHEREAS, the long-term reliability and affordability of the state's electric grid are
8 critical to sustaining economic growth and energy security; and

9 WHEREAS, delays in permitting, limited self-generation opportunities, and outdated
10 infrastructure financing models may pose risks to grid stability and investment in key
11 industries; and

12 WHEREAS, some states have enacted legislation to modernize their energy policies
13 by allowing large customer microgrids and streamlining state permitting processes; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana's industrial sector, which consumes over forty percent of the
15 state's electricity, is asking for the ability to self-generate power, including through
16 renewable sources, to meet corporate sustainability goals and mitigate escalating utility
17 costs; and

18 WHEREAS, a study conducted for large industrial customers of Entergy Louisiana

1 found that base rates for all customers are projected to rise ninety percent from 2018 to 2030,
2 prompting industries to seek alternatives to traditional utility services; and

3 WHEREAS, allowing generators to serve large industrial loads directly, including
4 multiple customers, could provide these industries with more control over energy sources
5 and costs; and

6 WHEREAS, expanded deployment of commercially available technologies that add
7 capacity to existing transmission and distribution infrastructure, can reduce grid congestion
8 and strain; and

9 WHEREAS, commercially available technologies known as Advanced Transmission
10 Technologies (ATTs) are modern electric transmission systems, equipment, and operational
11 tools that augment and improve the electric grid by building on existing transmission and
12 distribution infrastructure; and

13 WHEREAS, ATTs will provide a stronger, more flexible grid, increasing capacity
14 and efficiency, reducing congestion, integrating a variety of generation sources, improving
15 energy security, and reducing costs for consumers.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby reestablish and provide for the Task Force on Energy Infrastructure and
18 Modernization, as created by Senate Resolution No. 195 of the 2025 Regular Session of the
19 Legislature, to study proposals for legislation that promote energy self-generation, industrial
20 microgrids, and expedited permitting.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration and
22 evaluation of all of the following:

23 (1) Alternatives to traditional utility regulations for new utility-scale merchant
24 generators built primarily to serve co-located large industrial loads, with consideration given
25 to regulatory flexibility, market impacts, and system reliability.

26 (2) The potential for generators and industrial loads to interconnect with the grid,
27 provided the interconnection would not reasonably be expected to reduce the reliability of
28 the grid or result in increased costs to residential ratepayers.

29 (3) A legal framework that would allow generators to serve large industrial loads
30 directly, including multiple customers.

1 (4) Statutory reforms to expedite permitting for energy infrastructure projections,
2 including firm timelines for approval by permitting agencies.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the same
4 membership as provided by Senate Resolution No. 195 of the 2025 Regular Session of the
5 Legislature.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to carry out its duties, the task force is
7 authorized to receive input, assistance, and expert opinions from individuals and
8 organizations in the energy industry, including but not limited to stakeholders with
9 specialized knowledge relevant to energy generation and grid modernization.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
11 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the
12 affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
14 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
15 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on March 1, 2028.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 president of the Senate, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, the
19 chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International
20 Affairs, the secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy, the secretary of
21 Louisiana Economic Development, the secretary of the Department of Environmental
22 Quality, and the executive secretary of the Public Service Commission.

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