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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Quezada, McCaffrey, Jabour, and Archambault

Date Introduced: May 11, 2017

Referred To: Senate Commerce

(Lieutenant Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is
- 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>39-1-27.13. Alternative suppliers and purchase of receivables program.</u>
- 4 (a) The general assembly recognizes the importance of competitive choice in electric generation service.
- 6 (b) The commission shall implement a purchase of receivables program where the
- 7 <u>electric distribution company purchases the receivables of a nonregulated power producer at a</u>
- 8 discount rate which is then offset from the monthly payments the electric distribution company
- 9 makes to the nonregulated power producer if the commission finds that the benefits of the
- program to ratepayers would exceed the costs to ratepayers.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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This act would require the public utilities commission to implement a purchase of receivables program where the electric distribution company purchases the receivables of a nonregulated power producer at a discount rate.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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