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I think we'd be better off with a complete strike through of 30 V.S.A. sec. 3044 as it covers identical ground to 30 V.S.A. sec. 248. All of the items address in the proposed amendment are covered by 248. E.g:

1. Purchases of out of state power for more than 5 years, which are more than 3% of peak demand, but not renewable.
2. Purchase of out of state power renewable power for more than 10 years that exceed 10% of peak demand.
3. Investing in generation and transmission facilities outside of the state.
4. Beginning site preparation for electric generation and transmission facilities within the state.
5. Eminent domain for the construction of generation and transmission facilities.

Sec. 3044 opens by stating, "with respect to matters not subject to section 248." However, it is hard to contemplate what would be covered by the amendments covered by sec. 3044 that is not already covered by sec. 248. Such duplication of subject matter only runs the risk of creating confusion in the future.

If we cannot get a complete strike through, then WEC should support the changes proposed in H.577. They are necessary to provide consistency with sec. 248.

Let me know if you have any follow up questions or concerns.

Many Thanks - Patty

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