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HOUSE BILL

***690-FN***

AN ACT directing the department of energy to investigate the state's withdrawal from ISO-New England and other strategy decisions that impact ratepayers in relation to New England's environmental policy.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

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ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of energy to investigate the state's withdrawal from ISO-New England and other strategic decisions affecting ratepayers in relation to New England's environmental policy.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 205:1 New Section; Department of Energy Investigation. Amend RSA 12-P by inserting after section  
2 16 the following new section:

3 12-P:17 Investigation. The department of energy shall conduct an investigation into the state of New  
4 Hampshire's withdrawal from ISO New England and other strategies to assure that New Hampshire  
5 ratepayers do not pay for public policy initiatives of other New England states, including environmental  
6 policies, in a manner that is unjust and unreasonable. It shall be funded by an assessment in accordance  
7 with RSA 365:37.

8 I. This investigation shall answer the following questions:

9 (a) What are the current rights and obligations of ISO New England? Which responsibilities,  
10 currently held by ISO New England, could New Hampshire meet on its own through state agencies,  
11 utilities, or otherwise?

12 (b) Have other states, or utilities in other states, or both, left or considered leaving ISO New  
13 England or any other regional transmission organization? What has been the result of such initiatives?

14 (c) What new capabilities would state government and/or utilities need to develop if New  
15 Hampshire were no longer participating in ISO New England?

16 (d) What are the costs and benefits to New Hampshire of leaving ISO New England? Would  
17 the state and its electric ratepayers suffer economically inefficient outcomes as a result, including exit  
18 fees, duplication of investments or costs, or operational redundancies?

19 (e) What effect would exiting ISO New England have on the reliability of the bulk power  
20 transmission system serving New Hampshire?

21 (f) What are the benefits to New Hampshire of continued participation in ISO New England?  
22 What opportunities exist to improve such outcomes should New Hampshire continue to participate in ISO  
23 New England?

24 (g) What impediments to ISO New England withdrawal exist as the result of federal law, state  
25 law, or other legal obligations?

26 (h) How can a regional wholesale electricity market balance differing state policy goals while  
27 ensuring just and reasonable outcomes for New Hampshire utility customers?

28 (i) What changes to existing ISO New England tariffs would be necessary in order to allow  
29 New Hampshire to withdraw from ISO New England?

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1           (j) What obligations would New Hampshire, and entities operating in New Hampshire, incur  
2 under the Federal Power Act if New Hampshire were to withdraw from ISO New England?

3           (k) What alternative regulatory structures, beyond reliance on a regional transmission  
4 organization like ISO New England, should New Hampshire consider to assure that New Hampshire  
5 electric customers receive safe and reliable service at the lowest possible cost?

6           (l) Is the governance of ISO New England, including its board of directors as well as its  
7 stakeholder advisory body NEPOOL, sufficiently accountable to the public and adequate to assure that  
8 ISO New England is operated in the public interest?

9           (m) When operating independently of ISO-New England, what restrictions would be placed  
10 on the state by the Federal Power Act or principles of federalism? What powers are beyond the state's  
11 purview?

12           (n) What alternative regulatory structures could the state explore that would better allow it to  
13 serve reliable, affordable electricity to its citizens?

14           II. The report of answers shall be provided to the senate and house committees responsible for  
15 energy policy within one year of this act's passage.

16           205:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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