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2 Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford,
3 Christie of Hartford, McCormack of Burlington, and Squirrell
4 of Underhill

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Energy; public service; renewable generation; interconnection

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that,
9 for renewable generation with a capacity of 150 kilowatts or less, the
10 interconnecting utility pay the cost of any required interconnection study.

11 An act relating to interconnection studies for small renewable generation
12 plants

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8007 is amended to read:

15 § 8007. SMALL RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS; SIMPLIFIED

16 PROCEDURES

17 (a)(1) The same application form, rules, and procedures that the
18 Commission applies to net metering systems of 150 kilowatts (kW) or less
19 under sections 248 and 8010 of this title shall apply to the review under section
20 248 of this title of any renewable energy plant with a plant capacity of 150 kW

1 or less and to the interconnection of such a plant with the system of a Vermont
2 retail electricity provider. This requirement includes any waivers of criteria
3 under section 248 of this title made pursuant to section 8010 of this title.

4 (2) The interconnecting retail electricity provider shall bear the cost of
5 any study required for the interconnection of a renewable energy plant with a
6 plant capacity of 150 kW or less.

7 (b) With respect to renewable energy plants that have a plant capacity that
8 is greater than 150 kW and is 2.2 MW or less, the Commission shall establish
9 by rule or order standards and procedures governing application for, and
10 issuance or revocation of, a certificate of public good for such a plant under the
11 provisions of section 248 of this title, and the interconnection of such a plant
12 with the system of a Vermont retail electricity provider.

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14 Sec. 2. COMMISSION RULES

15 (a) Sec. 1 of this act shall supersede any contrary provision of the rules of
16 the Public Utility Commission (Commission).

17 (b) On or before 90 days after the effective date of this act, the Commission
18 shall file with the Secretary of State proposed rules amendments to comply
19 with Sec. 1.

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.