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Senator Rodgers moves that the report of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy be amended by striking out Sec. 11a (report; electric generation constraints) and inserting in lieu thereof Secs. 11a and 11b to read:
Sec. 11a. 30 V.S.A. § 248(u) is added to read:

(u) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, the Public Utility Commission shall not issue a certificate of public good for a new or expanded electric generation facility that will interconnect to an existing transmission or distribution line if generation from the facility is likely to cause overall adverse impact to Vermont utility ratepayers due to curtailment of one or more existing renewable energy generation facilities.

(1) In this subsection, “curtailment” means a reduction in the output of an electric generation facility from what it could otherwise produce, given available resources such as wind or sunlight, pursuant to the direction of the Independent System Operator of New England.

(2) The prohibition of this subsection shall not apply to a net metering system with a capacity of less than 15 kW as defined in section 8002 of this title.

Sec. 11b. 30 V.S.A. § 8011 is added to read:

§ 8011. GRID-CONSTRAINED AREAS; RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS

1 After notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commission may designate as
2 constrained an area served by the State’s electric transmission or distribution
3 system, or both, and may determine to provide differential pricing for or
4 restrict or prohibit the siting of additional renewable energy plants in such an
5 area under the standard offer program pursuant to section 8005a of this title or
6 the net metering program pursuant to section 8010 of this title.
7 and by renumbering existing Sec. 11b to be Sec. 11c