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An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio requirement.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 30 V.S.A. § 8009(b), following “Vermont retail electricity” by striking out the word “~~provider~~” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “provider”

Second: In Sec. 4, plant closure contingency plan, by striking it in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 4 to read:

Sec. 4. PLANT CLOSURE CONTINGENCY PLAN

On or before March 1, 2022, the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development in consultation with the Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation shall report to the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs, and Finance and the House Committees on Agriculture and Forestry, Commerce and Economic Development, and Energy and Technology a contingency plan to address how to reduce the economic impacts that may occur if the baseload renewable power plant closes. The plan shall address how to remediate harm to the workforce impacted by the closure of the plant, the forestry industry, and forest health. The contingency plan shall be developed in consultation with the Northern Vermont Development Association, a Vermont resident selected by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation who works in the forestry

industry from the Ryegate lumber catchment area, and the owners of the Ryegate Plant. On or before July 1, 2021, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall render to the owners of the Ryegate Plant a statement for \$10,000.00 to be used on the creation of the contingency plan, which the owners of the Ryegate Plant shall pay within 30 days. The group of stakeholders developing the plan shall hold at least one evening public hearing on the plan in the lumber catchment area.