

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 1 entitled  
3 “An act relating to extending the baseload renewable power portfolio  
4 requirement’ respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting  
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8009 is amended to read:

8 § 8009. BASELOAD RENEWABLE POWER PORTFOLIO  
9 REQUIREMENT

10 (a) ~~As used in~~ As used in this section:

11 (1) “Baseload renewable power” means a plant that generates electricity  
12 from renewable energy; that, during normal operation, is capable of taking all  
13 or part of the minimum load on an electric transmission or distribution system;  
14 and that produces electricity essentially continuously at a constant rate.

15 (2) “Baseload renewable power portfolio requirement” means ~~an annual~~  
16 ~~average of 175,000 MWh~~ the actual output of baseload renewable power from  
17 an in-state woody biomass plant that was commissioned prior to September 30,  
18 2009, has a nominal capacity of 20.5 MW, and was in service as of January 1,  
19 2011.



1       Sec. 3. BASELOAD RENEWABLE POWER PORTFOLIO

2                       REQUIREMENT; COLOCATION REPORT

3               On or before January 15, 2023, the owner of the baseload renewable power  
4 plant subject to 30 V.S.A. § 8009(b) shall report to the General Assembly on  
5 whether a project utilizing the excess thermal energy generated by the plant  
6 has been developed and is operational, or when a project utilizing the excess  
7 thermal energy generated by the plant will be operational.

8       Sec. 4. PLANT CLOSURE CONTINGENCY PLAN

9               On or before March 1, 2022, the Secretary of Commerce and Community  
10 Development in consultation with the Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and  
11 Recreation shall report to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House  
12 Committee on Energy and Technology a contingency plan to address how to  
13 reduce the economic impacts that may occur if the baseload renewable power  
14 plant closes. The plan shall address how to remediate harm to the workforce  
15 impacted by the closure of the plant, the forestry industry, and forest health.

16       Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

17               This act shall take effect on passage.

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE