

1 H.195

2 Introduced by Representative Elder of Starksboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Public service; energy; electric distribution facilities

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to limit the
7 scope of the Public Utility Commission's review of electric distribution
8 upgrades to stability, reliability, and public health and safety.

9 An act relating to jurisdiction over electric distribution upgrades

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

11 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 248 is amended to read:

12 § 248. NEW GAS AND ELECTRIC PURCHASES, INVESTMENTS, AND
13 FACILITIES; CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD

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15 (v) The Commission shall have no jurisdiction under this section to
16 consider the actual or potential impacts caused by any electric distribution
17 upgrades except to assess impacts under subdivision (b)(3) of this section and
18 the public health and safety impacts under subdivision (b)(5) of this section.
19 Party status and notice requirements related to distribution upgrades shall be
20 consistent with the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction described in this

1 subsection, with the exception of affected electric utilities and the Department
2 of Public Service.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.