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Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Eastes of Guilford,
Mrowicki of Putney, and Olson of Starksboro

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Utilities; electric grid upgrades; costs; Public Utility Commission;
rules

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Public Utility Commission to adopt by rule standards and procedures for
ensuring the costs of electric grid upgrades are shared fairly and evenly among
ratepayers.

An act relating to sharing the costs of electric grid upgrades

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

Sec. 1. COSTS OF ELECTRIC GRID UPGRADES; PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION RULE

(a) On or before July 1, 2026, the Public Utility Commission shall adopt by
rule standards and procedures for ensuring that the costs of any improvements
or upgrades to the electric transmission and distribution grid in a utility's
service territory are shared as fairly and as evenly as possible among all
ratepayers in the utility's service territory.

1 (b) On or before July 1, 2031, the Public Utility Commission shall adopt by
2 rule standards and procedures for ensuring that the costs of any improvements
3 or upgrades to the electric transmission and distribution grid, regardless of the
4 utility's service territory in which the upgrade or improvement is made, are
5 shared as fairly and as evenly as possible among all ratepayers in the State.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.