DISTRIBUTED GENERATION ACT of 2013

The Bill provides the Arkansas Public Service Commission, (or in the case of Municipal Utilities, municipal governments) the authority to develop long-term power purchase agreements between utilities and renewable energy producers.

The Bill sets a requirement that about 5% of the electricity being consumed in Arkansas be purchased through these long-term contracts, but does not set a date that this target must be reached.

The Bill requires the rates, rules, procedures and contracts developed to be in the public interest and that all of the value of renewable energy generation be considered. Little, if any rate impacts will result from the passage of the Bill.

The Bill:
• Creates local jobs
• Retains wealth by keeping Arkansas Rate Payer dollars in Arkansas
• Retains wealth by generating state income taxes from jobs created
• Retains wealth by generating sales taxes on the sale of equipment
• Retains wealth by keeping 30% Federal Tax Credit dollars in Arkansas
• Supports the grid by relieving strain on transmission lines
• Reduces transmission & distribution costs for maintenance
• Avoids cost by delaying construction of conventional generation plants
• Improves security by reducing reliance on imported energy
• Improves reliability by increasing generation diversity
• Improves choice by providing more consumer options
• Improves competition and innovation by providing more choices
• Improves the environment because it is a clean source of energy

There are about 200 net metering facilities in Arkansas, most installed under the pilot Renewable Energy Rebate program. There are almost 2,000 net metering facilities connected in Louisiana.

Per person, there is installed 400 watts of solar power in Germany, 50 watts in the United States and 0.5 watts in Arkansas.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF JUST 50mW OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS
(5,000 Facilities of 10kW Average) Total Construction or Installation Cost $205,541,048 Local Spending $131,660,414 30% Federal Tax Dollars That Stay In Arkansas $60,000,000 Sales Tax (Materials & Equipment Purchases) $5,541,048 Total Jobs Created 2,079

This Bill provides long-term solutions for long-term problems.

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