MR. SPEAKER:

I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 223 be amended to read as follows:

Page 4, between lines 23 and 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 8-1-8.8-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.175-2007, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "qualified utility system property" means any new energy generating or coal gasification facility that, after notice and hearing, is found by the commission to be used or to be used, in whole or in part, and useful by an energy utility to provide retail energy service (as defined in IC 8-1-2.5-3) regardless of whether that service is provided under IC 8-1-2.5 or another provision of this article.

SECTION 4. IC 8-1-8.8-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) The commission shall encourage clean coal and energy projects by creating the following financial incentives described in subsection (b) for clean coal and energy projects if, after notice and hearing, the commission finds:

(1) the projects are found to be reasonable and necessary to serve the utility's retail customers;

(2) the projects are the lowest reasonable cost resource to meet customer needs; and

(3) the generation part of the project is used and useful.

(b) If the commission makes the findings described in subsection (a), the commission may create the following financial incentives for clean coal and energy projects:
(1) The timely recovery of costs incurred during construction and
operation of projects described in section 2(1) or 2(2) of this
chapter.

(2) The authorization of up to three (3) percentage points on the
return on shareholder equity that would otherwise be allowed to
be earned on projects described in subdivision (1):

(3) Financial incentives for the purchase of fuels produced by
a coal gasification facility. including cost recovery and the
incentive available under subdivision (2):

(4) Financial incentives for projects to develop alternative
ergy sources, including renewable energy projects.

(5) Other financial incentives the commission considers
appropriate:

(b) An eligible business must file an application to the
commission for approval of a clean coal and energy project under this
section. This chapter does not relieve an eligible business of the duty
to obtain any certificate required under IC 8-1-8.5 or IC 8-1-8.7. An
eligible business seeking a certificate under IC 8-1-8.5 or IC 8-1-8.7
and this chapter for one (1) project may file a single application for all
necessary certificates. If a single application is filed, the commission
shall consider all necessary certificates at the same time.

(c) The commission shall promptly review an application filed
under this section for completeness. The commission may request
additional information the commission considers necessary to aid in its
review.

(d) The commission shall, after notice and hearing, issue a
determination of a project's eligibility for the financial incentives
described in subsection (a) not later than one hundred twenty (120)
days after the date of the application, unless the commission finds that
the applicant has not cooperated fully in the proceeding.

SECTION 5. IC 8-1-8.8-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.175-2007,
SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) The commission shall provide
financial incentives to eligible businesses for new energy producing
and generating facilities in the form of timely recovery of the costs
incurred in connection with the construction; repowering; expansion;
operation; or maintenance of the facilities:

(b) An eligible business seeking authority to timely recover the costs
described in subsection (a) must apply to the commission for approval
of a rate adjustment mechanism in the manner determined by the
commission.

(c) An application must include the following:

(1) A schedule for the completion of construction; repowering; or
expansion of the new energy generating or coal gasification
facility for which rate relief is sought:

(2) Copies of the most recent integrated resource plan filed with
the commission; if applicable:

(3) The amount of capital investment by the eligible business in
the new energy generating or coal gasification facility.

(4) Other information the commission considers necessary.

(d) (a) The commission shall allow an eligible business to recover
the costs associated with qualified utility system property if the eligible
business provides substantial documentation that the expected costs
associated with qualified utility system property and the schedule for
incurring those costs are reasonable and necessary.

(e) (b) The commission shall allow an eligible business to recover
the costs associated with the purchase of fuels produced by a coal
gasification facility if the eligible business provides substantial
documentation that the costs associated with the purchase are
reasonable and necessary.

(f) (c) A retail rate adjustment mechanism proposed by an eligible
business under this section may be based on actual or forecasted data.
If forecast data is used, the retail rate adjustment mechanism must
contain a reconciliation mechanism to correct for any variance between
overrecovery of costs due to the use of the forecasted costs and the
actual costs.

(d) The commission shall order a reduction of up to three (3)
percentage points on the return of shareholder equity that would
otherwise be allowed to be earned on projects described in section
2(1) or 2(2) of this chapter to reflect the reduced risk to
shareholders from using a rate adjustment mechanism.”.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

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Representative Cheatham