



California Energy Legislation

AB 2189 (Blakeslee): Small Hydro Eligibility for Renewable Portfolio Standard

OVERVIEW

This bill changes the eligibility requirements of existing small hydroelectric generators to provide energy toward the renewable portfolio standard.

SECTION

This bill adds to Section 399.12.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

MAIN PROVISIONS

- Small Hydro Eligibility – This bill allows existing small hydro facilities to remain an eligible renewable resource for purposes of meeting the renewable portfolio standard even if efficiency improvements cause the facility generating capacity to exceed 30 megawatts. Efficiency improvement must have been made after January 1, 2003 and the facility cannot change its current water use practices as a result of the facility changes. The entire capacity after the efficiency improvements is eligible to count toward the renewable portfolio standard.

TIMELINE OF IMPLEMENTATION

This is not an urgency bill so it is likely to take effect January 1, 2007.