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HOUSE BILL 2457

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 40, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 6.2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 40-360.14; RELATING TO THE POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION
LINE SITING COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 40, chapter 2, article 6.2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 40-360.14, to read:

4 40-360.14. Exemption; new plants colocated with extra high
5 load factor customers

6 NOTWITHSTANDING SECTIONS 40-360.03 AND 40-360.07, A UTILITY, AFTER
7 PROVIDING THIRTY DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION AND HOLDING AT
8 LEAST ONE PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE RELEVANT PLANT IS
9 LOCATED, MAY CONSTRUCT A NEW PLANT WITHOUT FILING FOR OR RECEIVING A
10 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FOR THE NEW PLANT IF ALL OF THE
11 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

12 1. THE NEW PLANT IS COLOCATED WITH AN EXTRA HIGH LOAD FACTOR
13 CUSTOMER AND THE EXTRA HIGH LOAD FACTOR CUSTOMER HAS RECEIVED ALL
14 APPLICABLE ZONING ENTITLEMENTS.

15 2. THE UTILITY IS A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION OR PUBLIC POWER
16 ENTITY DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.