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Section

Conservation improvements by cooperative and municipal electric utilities. Amends the current requirement of cooperative and municipal utilities to file a biennial overview of the utility's conservation improvement plan (CIP) with the department, by replacing the requirement for detailed, program-specific information with summary information about the utility's conservation efforts.

Specifies that the overview of a municipality with less than \$2.5 million in annual gross revenues may consist of a letter from the governing board of the municipal utility to the department certifying that the required amount has been spent on conservation programs.

Authorizes a municipal utility to use up to 50% of its required conservation spending on the refurbishment of an existing district energy system.

- **Sunset.** Specifies that the authority to use CIP funds to refurbish district energy systems expires as of July 1, 2007.
- **Effective date.** Makes section 1 effective the day following final enactment.