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House Bill 4804

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Committee on Energy and Manufacturing]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
2 designated §20-19-1 and §20-19-2, all relating to energy storage systems, and providing
3 for energy storage system access.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 19. ENERGY STORAGE ACCESS.

§20-19-1. Definitions.

1 “Energy storage system” means any commercially available system including batteries
2 and the batteries paired with on-site generation that is capable of retaining, storing, and delivering
3 energy.

4 “Utility” means a qualifying retail utility.

§20-19-2. Rules.

1 (a) The West Virginia Division of Energy shall promulgate legislative rules allowing the
2 installation, interconnection, and use of energy storage systems in accordance with the provisions
3 of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code, and such rules shall include:

4 (1) Utility approval processes and any required interconnection reviews of energy storage
5 systems shall be simple, streamlined, and affordable for customers; and

6 (2) Utilities shall not require the installation of customer-sited meters in addition to a single
7 net energy meter for the purposes of monitoring energy storage systems; except that the
8 commission may authorize the requirement of metering for certain large energy storage systems,
9 as determined by the division.

10 (b) Nothing in this section alters or supersedes either:

11 (1) The principles of net metering; or

12 (2) Any existing electrical permit requirements or any licensing or certification
13 requirements for installers, manufacturers, or equipment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for energy storage system access.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.