

# Restructuring Bills New Jersey

New Jersey Bills A-5349 / S-4306 propose regulatory changes that could significantly limit consumers' ability to choose their electricity supplier and reduce the competitive options.

The ***Frequently Asked Questions*** below address how these companion bills threaten to strip away consumer choice and weaken New Jersey's competitive energy landscape. Consumers who value having control over their electricity purchasing decisions are urged to voice their opposition today.

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**Q: What pieces of legislation are being considered?**

**A:** [Assembly Bill A-5349](#) / [Senate Bill S-4306](#)

**Q: How would Bills A-5349 / S-4306 affect my ability to shop for electricity?**

**A:** As drafted, these bills would not only allow NJ's electric distribution utilities to re-enter the competitive electric generation business, but it would also allow them to shut down the retail electric choice market. If passed, customers would no longer have the ability to competitively source their electricity and would instead receive supply through their regulated distribution utility.

**Q: What is causing this legislation to be considered?**

**A:** NJ ratepayers have faced increasing transmission and distribution rates over the past several years. These costs are now being compounded by an increase in PJM's capacity costs. This has created significant political pressure to address the rising cost of electricity in New Jersey. These bills are two of the many energy-related legislative proposals being considered.

**Q: Will re-regulation actually result in lower energy prices for consumers?**

**A:** Studies have shown that competitive electric markets deliver higher reliability, lower prices, and lower carbon impact compared to states with vertically integrated electric utilities. It is for this reason that we believe allowing utilities back into the competitive electric generation business will not result in lower prices for customers.

For more information on the benefits of competitive markets, please visit the Alliance for Competitive Power's website which contains a summary and a link to a study recently completed by FTI Consulting. The study examines whether restructured electric markets deliver better value for ratepayers.

<https://www.allianceforcompetitivepower.org/fti-study-results>

**Q: When will these bills be considered for adoption?**

**A:** Both bills have been formally introduced in their respective chambers and will be under consideration through the end of this legislative session, which runs through the end of 2025.

**Q: Is Calpine engaged on this issue?**

**A:** Yes, Calpine is advocating through its various trade associations and is focused on informing legislators on the benefits of markets, competition, and customer choice.

**Q: Is there anything I can do to protect retail choice in New Jersey?**

**A:** Concerned customers are encouraged to make their voices heard. This can be done through a variety of methods, including sending a letter to the respective Committees, by engaging legislators directly via phone or through their respective trade associations. Calpine is available to assist you should you have any questions on potential next steps.

**Assembly Aides:** [[CLICK HERE](#) – filter for Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities]

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### **Additional Resources:**

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