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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, strike “and” and substitute “requiring each gas company and each electric company to include certain information on customer bills; and”; and in line 14, after “4–504” insert “and 7–305”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, before line 11, insert:

“7–305.

(a) A gas company or electric company may bill its customers for gas, electricity, or any other service it renders only on the basis of the net total cost of the service under the applicable rate that is filed for that service.

(b) (1) The Commission may authorize a gas company or electric company to apply an additional charge over the net total cost to any bill or part of a bill that is not paid:

(i) within 20 days for a residential customer or residential cooperative; or

(ii) within 15 days for any other customer.

(2) (i) The additional charge that is applied by a gas company or electric company under this subsection may not exceed 5% of the net bill or part of the bill.

(ii) Unless the Commission approves the imposition of different charges on different classes of customers, any additional charges applied by a gas company or electric company under this subsection shall be uniform for all customers.

(C) (1) EACH GAS COMPANY AND EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL INCLUDE ON A CUSTOMER'S BILL:

(I) AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL SURCHARGES, FEES, AND OTHER COSTS MANDATED BY STATE LAW THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE AMOUNT DUE FROM THE CUSTOMER; AND

(II) A CLEAR AND SIMPLE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED BY EACH SURCHARGE, FEE, AND OTHER COST SPECIFIED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(2) SURCHARGES, FEES, AND OTHER COSTS REQUIRED IN THE ITEMIZED LIST UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDE SURCHARGES, FEES, AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH:

(I) THE PURCHASE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS OR ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE PAYMENTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD IN SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS TITLE;

(II) ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLANS UNDER SUBTITLE 2, PART II OF THIS TITLE;

(III) THE ELECTRIC UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-512.1 OF THIS TITLE;

(IV) THE ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE UNDER § 7-203 OF THIS TITLE AND § 3-302 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE;

(V) PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FRANCHISE TAXES IMPOSED UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE;

(VI) THE STATE’S PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 2, SUBTITLE 12 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE;

(VII) CONGESTION AND CAPACITY CHARGES; AND

(VIII) MANDATORY INVESTMENTS IN ELECTRIC SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT:

1. ELECTRIFICATION;
2. RESILIENCE; AND
3. ACHIEVING CLEAN ENERGY GOALS.”.