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SENATE BILL 10-096

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT UTILITIES DISCLOSE COSTS
102 ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTOMERS' UTILITY BILLS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill declares that utility customers have a right to transparency in their utility bills, and therefore requires investor-owned gas and electric utilities to include in customer bills or bill inserts, at least 4 times per year, information about:

! For electric utilities, the types of fuels used to generate

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

electricity, the percentage of the utility's electricity attributable to each, the load profile for each, and the total cost of generating electricity per kilowatt-hour for each fuel type;

- ! For gas and electric utilities, all ancillary costs associated with providing gas or electricity to the customer, including the costs of underground natural gas storage, natural gas pipeline expansions, and new electric transmission infrastructure.

The bill specifies that the utilities' costs of revising the format of their current utility bills to provide the additional information may be recovered through rates.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of title 40, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 **40-2-128. Utility bills - cost transparency - disclosures to**
5 **customers.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND
6 DECLARES THAT ALL COLORADANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRANSPARENCY
7 IN THEIR UTILITY RATES, INCLUDING DISCLOSURE OF ALL COSTS
8 ASSOCIATED WITH THE BILLS THEY PAY FOR ENERGY AND HOW MUCH EACH
9 ENERGY SOURCE IS AFFECTING THEIR TOTAL BILL.

10 (2) BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
11 SECTION, EACH INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY PROVIDING RETAIL GAS
12 OR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN COLORADO SHALL DISCLOSE TO EACH OF ITS
13 CUSTOMERS AT LEAST FOUR TIMES PER YEAR, IN PRINTED BILLS OR BILLING
14 INSERTS, THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING:

15 (a) FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, THE TYPES OF FUEL USED BY THE
16 UTILITY TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY, THE PERCENTAGE OF THE UTILITY'S
17 ELECTRICITY GENERATION THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH FUEL TYPE,
18 THE LOAD PROFILE FOR EACH FUEL TYPE, AND THE UTILITY'S TOTAL
19 GENERATION COST PER KILOWATT-HOUR FOR NATURAL GAS, COAL, WIND,

1 AND SOLAR. THE COST CALCULATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL ANCILLARY
2 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH FUEL TYPE, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF
3 UNDERGROUND NATURAL GAS STORAGE, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
4 EXPANSIONS, AND NEW ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE.

5 (b) FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE, THE COST PER THOUSAND CUBIC
6 FEET OF GAS UNDER THE UTILITY'S SUPPLY CONTRACTS AND ALL
7 ANCILLARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING THE GAS TO THE
8 CUSTOMER, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE AND
9 PIPELINE EXPANSIONS.

10 (3) A UTILITY'S COSTS OF REVISING THE FORMAT OF ITS BILLS TO
11 INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MAY BE
12 RECOVERED THROUGH RATES.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
16 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
21 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
22 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.