

HB 2054 -- DISCOUNT GAS RATES

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The bill makes adjustments to the way in which a gas corporation may apply certain discounts to its customers in their use of the service. The way in which a customer may qualify for one of the discounts is set forth as follows:

(1) When the customer is a new customer and the new load is reasonably projected to be at least 270,000 ccf annually, the discount shall equal up to 25% subject to the limiting provisions of this section and shall apply for four years; or

(2) When the customer is an existing customer and the new load is reasonably projected to be at least 135,000 ccf annually, the discount shall equal 25% subject to the limiting provisions of this section and shall apply for four years.

To obtain the discount, the customer's load must be incremental; receive local, regional, or state economic development incentives; and meet the criteria set in the gas corporation's economic development rider tariff sheets.

In each general rate proceeding, the difference in revenues generated by applying the discounted rates and the revenues that would have been generated without such discounts will not be imputed into the gas corporation's revenue requirement. Instead, the revenue requirement should be set using the revenues generated by the discounted rates and allocated to all customer classes as specified in the bill.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1143 (2023).