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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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KINSEY, FABRIZIO, THOMAS, COHEN AND DeLUCA, MAY 14, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MAY 14, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, further  
3 providing for billing procedures.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1509 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1509. Billing procedures.

9 (a) General rule.--All bills rendered by a public utility as  
10 defined in paragraph (1)(i), (ii), (vi) or (vii) of the  
11 definition of "public utility" in section 102 (relating to  
12 definitions) to its service customers, except bills for  
13 installation charges, shall allow at least 15 days for  
14 nonresidential customers and 20 days for residential customers  
15 from the date of transmittal of the bill for payment without  
16 incurring any late payment penalty charges therefor. All  
17 customers shall be permitted to receive bills monthly and shall  
18 be notified of their right thereto. All bills shall be itemized

1 to separately show amounts for basic service, Federal excise  
2 taxes, applicable State sales and gross receipts taxes, to the  
3 extent practicable, fuel adjustment charge, if any, State tax  
4 adjustment charge or such other similar components of the total  
5 bill as the commission may order. Any electric or gas public  
6 utility billing customers on a bimonthly or quarterly basis and  
7 rendering interim statements or bills each month shall include  
8 in such interim statement or bill an amount for the fuel  
9 adjustment charge based upon one-half of the total expected  
10 bimonthly kilowatt hour or cubic foot billing or one-third of  
11 the total expected quarterly billing and using the fuel  
12 adjustment charge rate applicable in the month of the interim  
13 statement or bill. At the time of preparing the bimonthly or  
14 quarterly bill, an appropriate adjustment shall be made in the  
15 total fuel adjustment charge billing for the period. Any public  
16 utility rendering bills on a bimonthly basis or quarterly basis  
17 shall calculate the fuel adjustment charge per kilowatt hour or  
18 cubic foot for the entire period as the weighted average of the  
19 two monthly rates or the three monthly rates whichever is  
20 applicable.

21 (b) Installation charges.--

22 (1) Prior to billing a customer for installation  
23 charges, a public utility shall provide the customer with an  
24 itemized statement that estimates the installation charges.

25 (2) A public utility may not bill a customer more than  
26 the total amount of the itemized statement for installation  
27 charges provided to a customer under paragraph (1) unless:

28 (i) The public utility provides the customer with  
29 notice of the increased cost together with a revised  
30 itemized statement of the installation charges.

1           (ii) The customer agrees in writing to pay the  
2           increased cost.

3           (3) A customer may not waive the requirements of  
4           paragraph (2) and any agreement to do so shall be void and  
5           unenforceable.

6           Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.