THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2496 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, SANCHEZ, DONAHUE, HANBIDGE, WAXMAN, HOWARD, DELLOSO, KHAN, CERRATO, HADDOCK, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOROWSKI, OTTEN AND D. WILLIAMS, JULY 11, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, JULY 11, 2024

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems,
- further providing for voluntary changes in rates.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 1308(a) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 1308. Voluntary changes in rates.
- 9 (a) General rule. -- Unless the commission otherwise orders,
- 10 no public utility shall make any change in any existing and duly
- 11 established rate, except after 60 days notice to the commission,
- 12 which notice shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made
- 13 in the rates then in force, and the time when the changed rates
- 14 will go into effect. The public utility shall also give such
- 15 notice of the proposed changes to other interested persons as
- 16 the commission in its discretion may direct. Such notices
- 17 regarding the proposed changes which are provided to the

- 1 utility's customers shall be in plain understandable language as
- 2 the commission shall prescribe. Any communication by a public
- 3 <u>utility to a utility customer that includes a notification of a</u>
- 4 proposed rate change shall call attention, in conspicuous type,
- 5 to the fact that proposed rate changes are contained in the
- 6 mailing on the face of the notice's envelope or on the outside
- 7 of the mailing if no envelope is used. All proposed changes
- 8 shall be shown by filing new tariffs, or supplements to existing
- 9 tariffs filed and in force at the time. The commission, for good
- 10 cause shown, may allow changes in rates, without requiring the
- 11 60 days notice, under such conditions as it may prescribe.
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- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.