

1 H.749

2 Introduced by Representative Buxton of Tunbridge

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Utilities; public service board; fees

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the public service board to
7 establish by rule or order the standards and procedures governing utility
8 reconnection and account change fees.

9 An act relating to utility reconnection and change of account fees

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 219 is amended to read:

12 § 219. SERVICE

13 (a) Each company subject to supervision under this chapter shall be
14 required to furnish reasonably adequate service, accommodation and facilities
15 to the public. The charge made by any such company for any product or
16 service shall be reasonable and without discrimination, except as provided in
17 this chapter.

18 (b) The public service board shall establish by rule or order standards and
19 procedures governing residential reconnection and account change fees
20 charged by each company subject to supervision under this chapter. In

1 particular, the board shall proscribe a company from charging such fees to an
2 account holder if the reconnection or change of account requested does not
3 require a site visit by a company employee.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.