
HOUSE BILL No. 1548

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-1-31.

Synopsis: Monitoring of electric and gas utilities. Provides that eligible distribution system improvements for purposes of automatic adjustment of utility rates include qualified electric and gas utility meter reading projects such as the purchase and installation of automatic meter reading systems, software, transmitters, repeaters, concentrators, and related devices.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities and transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-31-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.94-2000, SECTION
2 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2003]: Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "eligible distribution system
4 improvements" means new used and useful water utility plant projects
5 **or qualified electric and gas utility meter reading projects** that:
6 (1) do not increase revenues by connecting the distribution system
7 to new customers;
8 (2) are in service; and
9 (3) were not included in the public utility's rate base in its most
10 recent general rate case.

11 SECTION 2. IC 8-1-31-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
12 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
13 1, 2003]: Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter, "**qualified electric and
14 gas utility meter reading project**" means the purchase and
15 **installation of automatic meter reading systems, software,
16 transmitters, repeaters, concentrators, and related devices
17 intended to improve efficiency of metering electric or gas utilities**



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and to promote electric or gas utility conservation.

SECTION 3. IC 8-1-31-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.94-2000, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), a public utility providing:

- (1) electric service;
- (2) gas service; or
- (3) water service;

may file with the commission rate schedules establishing a DSIC that will allow the automatic adjustment of the public utility's basic rates and charges to provide for recovery of DSIC costs.

(b) The public utility shall serve the office of the utility consumer counselor a copy of its filing at the time of its filing with the commission.

(c) Publication of notice of the filing is not required.

(d) A public utility may not file a petition under this section in the same calendar year in which the public utility has filed a request for a general increase in the basic rates and charges of the public utility.

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