
HOUSE BILL No. 1515

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-4-11.6.

Synopsis: Substitute natural gas contracts. Defines "savings" for purposes of a substitute natural gas (SNG) purchase contract. Amends the definition of "purchase contract". Defines "shortfall". Requires the Indiana finance authority (IFA) to submit a final purchase contract, including amendments, and any other agreements with a producer of SNG to the Indiana utility regulatory commission (IURC). Requires the IFA to determine on a three year cycle if retail end use customers are provided savings or a shortfall under a purchase contract. Requires the IFA to electronically submit its findings to the IURC. Requires the IURC to verify and approve the findings and, if there is a shortfall, order a producer of SNG to provide a refund.

Effective: Upon passage; March 24, 2009 (retroactive).

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities and Energy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-11.6-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2009 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 5.5. For**
4 **purposes of this chapter, a "savings" occurs when the purchase**
5 **price of SNG under a final purchase contract is less than the**
6 **average market price of natural gas over a three (3) year period**
7 **determined by the authority under section 22.1 of this chapter.**

8 SECTION 2. IC 4-4-11.6-7, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2009, SECTION
9 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE MARCH
10 24, 2009 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "purchase
11 contract" means a contract that:

- 12 (1) is entered into **after March 23, 2009**, by the authority and a
13 producer of SNG for the sale and purchase of SNG;
- 14 (2) has a thirty (30) year term;
- 15 (3) provides a guarantee of savings for retail end use customers;
- 16 **and**
- 17 **(4) grants regulated energy utilities the right to enforce the**



1 **contract as third party beneficiaries; and**

2 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** contains other terms and conditions determined necessary
3 by the authority.

4 SECTION 3. IC 4-4-11.6-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6 [EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2009 (RETROACTIVE)]: **Sec. 10.5. For**
7 **purposes of this chapter, a "shortfall" occurs when the purchase**
8 **price of SNG under a final purchase contract is greater than the**
9 **average market price of natural gas over a three (3) year period**
10 **determined by the authority under section 22.1 of this chapter.**

11 SECTION 4. IC 4-4-11.6-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2009,
12 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 MARCH 24, 2009 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 14. (a) The authority,
14 either directly or as an assignee of an energy utility, may enter into
15 purchase contracts for the purchase of SNG from coal gasification
16 facilities.

17 (b) The authority shall submit a ~~final purchase contract the~~
18 **following** to the commission for approval:

19 **(1) A final purchase contract, including any amendments,**
20 **addenda, or other modifications made or added to the**
21 **contract at any time.**

22 **(2) Any other agreements entered into between the authority**
23 **and a producer of SNG.**

24 SECTION 5. IC 4-4-11.6-22.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
25 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
26 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 22.1. (a) For purposes of this**
27 **section, "fiscal year" refers to the fiscal year of the authority.**

28 (b) **Not more than sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal**
29 **year ending three (3) years after the fiscal year in which the**
30 **authority first sells SNG to retail end use customers under section**
31 **19 of this chapter, and not more than sixty (60) days after the close**
32 **of every third fiscal year thereafter, the authority shall determine**
33 **whether retail end use customers were provided savings during the**
34 **three (3) year period.**

35 (c) **If the authority determines that there were no savings during**
36 **the three (3) year period, the authority shall determine the amount**
37 **of any shortfall for the three (3) year period.**

38 (d) **The authority shall report its findings under subsections (b)**
39 **and (c) to the commission in an electronic format. After verifying**
40 **the accuracy and completeness of the report, the commission shall:**

41 **(1) approve the findings; and**

42 **(2) order the producer to refund the amount of any shortfall**

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1 **to the authority within sixty (60) days.**
2 **The authority shall distribute a refund under subdivision (2) to**
3 **retail end use customers within sixty (60) days after receipt.**
4 **SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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