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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT ENERGY UTILITIES DISCLOSE  
102 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTOMERS' UTILITY BILLS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill declares that utility customers have a right to transparency in their utility bills, and therefore requires investor-owned gas and electric utilities to include in customer billing communications, at least 4 times per year, information about:

! For electric utilities, the types of fuels used to generate

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

electricity, the percentage of the utility's electricity attributable to each, the load profile for each, and the total cost of generating electricity per kilowatt-hour for each fuel type;

- ! For gas and electric utilities, all ancillary costs associated with providing gas or electricity to the customer, including the costs of underground natural gas storage, natural gas pipeline expansions, and new electric transmission infrastructure.

The bill specifies that the utilities' costs of revising the format of their current utility bills to provide the additional information may be recovered through rates.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of title 40, Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4           **40-2-130. Utility bills - cost transparency - disclosures to**  
5 **customers.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND  
6 DECLARES THAT ALL COLORADANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRANSPARENCY  
7 IN THEIR UTILITY RATES, INCLUDING DISCLOSURE OF ALL COSTS  
8 ASSOCIATED WITH THE BILLS THEY PAY FOR ENERGY AND HOW MUCH EACH  
9 ENERGY SOURCE AFFECTS THEIR TOTAL BILL.

10           (2) EACH INVESTOR-OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY PROVIDING RETAIL  
11 GAS OR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN COLORADO SHALL DISCLOSE TO EACH OF ITS  
12 CUSTOMERS AT LEAST FOUR TIMES PER YEAR, IN PRINTED BILLS OR BILLING  
13 INSERTS OR, FOR CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE OPTED FOR ELECTRONIC BILLING  
14 COMMUNICATIONS, IN ELECTRONIC BILLING COMMUNICATIONS, THE MOST  
15 RECENT AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING:

16           (a) FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, THE TYPES OF FUEL USED BY THE  
17 UTILITY TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY, THE PERCENTAGE OF THE UTILITY'S  
18 ELECTRICITY GENERATION THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH FUEL TYPE,  
19 THE LOAD PROFILE FOR EACH FUEL TYPE, AND THE UTILITY'S TOTAL

1 GENERATION COST PER KILOWATT-HOUR FOR EACH FUEL TYPE. THE COST  
2 CALCULATION MUST INCLUDE ALL ANCILLARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
3 EACH FUEL TYPE, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF UNDERGROUND NATURAL GAS  
4 STORAGE, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EXPANSIONS, AND NEW ELECTRIC  
5 TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE.

6 (b) FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE, THE COST PER THOUSAND CUBIC  
7 FEET OF GAS UNDER THE UTILITY'S SUPPLY CONTRACTS AND ALL  
8 ANCILLARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING THE GAS TO THE  
9 CUSTOMER, INCLUDING THE COSTS OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE AND  
10 PIPELINE EXPANSIONS.

11 (3) A UTILITY'S COSTS OF REVISING THE FORMAT OF ITS BILLS TO  
12 INCLUDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION MAY BE  
13 RECOVERED THROUGH RATES.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
17 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a  
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
22 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
23 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.