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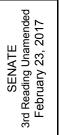
A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING CONSUMERS' RIGHT TO KNOW THEIR ELECTRIC UTILITY
102	CHARGES BY REQUIRING INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES
103	TO PROVIDE THEIR CUSTOMERS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE
104	BREAKDOWN OF COST ON THEIR MONTHLY BILLS.

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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

The bill requires an investor-owned electric utility to file with the public utilities commission (commission) for the commission's review a comprehensive billing format that the investor-owned electric utility has HOUSE Amended 2nd Reading April 18, 2017





developed for its monthly billing of customers. An investor-owned electric utility shall file the comprehensive billing format at the time of filing a rate schedule with the commission. The comprehensive billing format must include the following:

- A line-item representation of all monthly charges and ļ credits applied to the customer;
- Į. For months in which tiered rates are applied, a breakdown of the tiered rates and the amount of usage to which each rate was applied for the month;
- The rate and usage for the current month and each of the Į. previous 12 months, as shown in a bar graph or other visual format; and
- I. For customers to which demand rates apply, a listing of the demand charge, aggregated data about the range and average of kilowatts used during the various demand periods of the billing period, and, if the customer is a residential customer, a calculation of the amount that the customer would have been billed had standard residential rates applied.

The bill sets forth procedures for the commission's review of a filed comprehensive billing format and provides that once a comprehensive billing format has been approved by the commission, the investor-owned utility need not refile it unless changes have been made to it

- 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
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SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 40-3-103 as

- 3 follows:
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40-3-103. Utilities to file rate schedules - rules. (1) Under such 5 THE rules as PRESCRIBED BY the commission, may prescribe, every EACH 6 public utility shall file with the commission, within such THE time and in 7 such THE form as DESIGNATED BY the commission, may designate, and 8 shall print and keep open to public inspection, schedules showing all 9 rates, tolls, rentals, charges, and classifications collected or enforced, or 10 to be collected and enforced, together with all rules, regulations, 11 contracts, privileges, and facilities that in any manner affect or relate to

1 rates, tolls, rentals, classifications, or service.

(2) (a) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2018, <u>ON A SCHEDULE</u>
<u>DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION</u>, EACH INVESTOR-OWNED <u>ELECTRIC</u>
<u>UTILITY SHALL FILE FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW A</u> COMPREHENSIVE
BILLING FORMAT THAT THE INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY HAS
DEVELOPED FOR ITS MONTHLY BILLING OF CUSTOMERS. THE
COMPREHENSIVE BILLING FORMAT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
COMPONENTS OF A CUSTOMER'S MONTHLY BILL:

9 (I) A LINE-ITEM REPRESENTATION OF ALL MONTHLY CHARGES AND
10 CREDITS APPLIED TO THE CUSTOMER AND AN INDICATION OF WHETHER THE
11 CHARGES HAVE CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR MONTH AS A RESULT OF
12 CHANGES IN <u>FUEL COSTS</u>;

(II) FOR MONTHS IN WHICH TIERED RATES ARE APPLIED, A
BREAKDOWN OF THE TIERED RATES AND THE AMOUNT OF USAGE TO WHICH
EACH RATE WAS APPLIED FOR THE MONTH;

16 (III) THE DAILY AVERAGE COST FOR THE CURRENT MONTH
17 COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTH IN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR;

18 (IV) A GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED BY THE UTILITY IN THE
19 MONTHLY BILL;

20 (V) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF THE MONTHLY FEES THAT THE
21 UTILITY MAY CHARGE THE CUSTOMER;

(VI) THE USAGE FOR THE CURRENT MONTH AND EACH OF THE
PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, AS SHOWN IN A BAR GRAPH OR SIMILAR
VISUAL FORMAT; AND

(VII) FOR CUSTOMERS TO WHICH DEMAND RATES APPLY, A LISTING
OF THE APPLICABLE DEMAND CHARGE, THE PEAK DEMAND DURING THE
BILLING PERIOD, AND, PROVIDED THE UTILITY CAN REASONABLY

ASCERTAIN SUCH DATA, THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE PEAK DEMAND
 OCCURRED.

3 (b) EACH INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY SHALL PROVIDE ITS
4 CUSTOMERS, ON A BIANNUAL BASIS, WITH EITHER AN ONSERT OR AN
5 INSERT THAT INDICATES, AS A PERCENTAGE, EACH FUEL SOURCE USED IN
6 POWER GENERATION AND PURCHASED FOR THAT UTILITY, INCLUDING
7 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, NATURAL GAS, AND COAL.

8 (c) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW A FILING SUBMITTED 9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS 10 AFTER THE FILING. IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE FILING DOES 11 NOT MEET THE COMPREHENSIVE BILLING FORMAT REQUIREMENTS SET 12 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY 13 REQUIRE THE INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY TO RESUBMIT A 14 COMPREHENSIVE BILLING FORMAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 15 REQUIREMENTS. THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY THE INVESTOR-OWNED 16 ELECTRIC UTILITY IN WRITING OF THE REASONS FOR THE DEFICIENCY, AND 17 THE INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY SHALL RESUBMIT A 18 COMPREHENSIVE BILLING FORMAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 19 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION WITHIN SIXTY DAYS 20 AFTER THE DATE OF THE COMMISSION'S NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY; EXCEPT 21 THAT THE COMMISSION MAY, UPON REQUEST, EXTEND THE DEADLINE.

(II) AFTER THE COMMISSION HAS APPROVED A COMPREHENSIVE
BILLING FORMAT SUBMITTED BY AN INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY
PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE INVESTOR-OWNED
UTILITY NEED NOT RESUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE BILLING FORMAT UNLESS
THE INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY MAKES CHANGES TO ITS
COMPREHENSIVE BILLING FORMAT.

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SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.