

SENATE BILL No. 196

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning utilities, relating to electric rates, billing standards; concerning the state corporation commission, powers and duties; electric rates and billing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Any bill provided by a retail electric supplier, as defined in K.S.A. 66-1,170, and amendments thereto, for metered electricity service to a customer shall include:

(1) An account number;

(2) the due date on which payment must be made to avoid delinquency;

(3) the total amount due, including any delinquent charges;

(4) additional charges for delinquent accounts, security deposits, collection, connection or disconnection, installment payments or other charges that may be authorized by the governing body of the appropriate municipality;

(5) any applicable taxes;

(6) the beginning and end date of the service period;

(7) the meter identification number;

(8) the date of the meter reading or, if applicable, a clear statement indicating that the reading is estimated;

(9) the actual or estimated usage during the billing period;

(10) any adjustment to previous billings;

(11) a charge per kilowatt hour for the electricity provided based upon the average market price or costs to purchase electricity during the billing period;

(12) a charge per kilowatt hour for the generation of the electricity provided that covers the physical infrastructure needed to generate electricity;

(13) a charge per kilowatt hour for the cost to transmit the electricity provided from generation sources, including any physical infrastructure necessary to transmit the electricity;

(14) the costs associated with any mandated environmental upgrades;

(15) a flat meter service charge that covers the administrative costs, including billing, postage, software and any other overhead costs;

(16) any charges for sustainable energy, renewable energy, energy

1 efficiency or other similar programs;

2 (17) a decommissioning fee charged to cover the costs of removing
3 generation from service;

4 (18) a demand charge based on the rate of electricity used at a
5 specific point in time during the billing period;

6 (19) a description and charge for any special assessments;

7 (20) the address, telephone number, website address and
8 identification of the person or office where a customer-owner may report a
9 disputed bill or make an inquiry or complaint;

10 (21) general information to customer-owners, through bill inserts or
11 direct mail, explaining changes in rates and any customer charges when
12 new rates are implemented; and

13 (22) any other information required by the state corporation
14 commission.

15 (b) Any Kansas retail electric customer-owner may bring an action,
16 seeking enforcement of this section, for a hearing before the state
17 corporation commission pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure
18 act.

19 (c) Prior to January 1, 2018, the state corporation commission shall
20 adopt rules and regulations requiring that any bill provided to consumers
21 by a retail electric supplier shall include the required statements specified
22 in subsection (a).

23 (d) On and after July 1, 2018, any bill provided to consumers by a
24 retail electric supplier shall include the required statements specified in
25 subsection (a).

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.