

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 734, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by  
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "386.895. 1. As used in this section the following terms shall mean:

5 (1) "Biogas", a mixture of carbon dioxide and hydrocarbons, primarily methane gas,  
6 released from the biological decomposition of organic materials;

7 (2) "Biomass", has the meaning given the term "qualified biomass" in section 142.028;

8 (3) "Gas corporation", the same as defined in section 386.020;

9 (4) "Qualified investment", any capital investment in renewable natural gas infrastructure  
10 incurred by a gas corporation for the purpose of providing natural gas service under a renewable  
11 natural gas program;

12 (5) "Renewable energy sources", hydroelectric, geothermal, solar photovoltaic, wind, tidal,  
13 wave, biomass, or biogas energy sources;

14 (6) "Renewable natural gas", any of the following products processed to meet pipeline  
15 quality standards or transportation fuel grade requirements:

16 (a) Biogas that is upgraded to meet natural gas pipeline quality standards such that it may  
17 blend with, or substitute for, geologic natural gas;

18 (b) Hydrogen gas; or

19 (c) Methane gas derived from any combination of:

20 a. Biogas;

21 b. Hydrogen gas or carbon oxides derived from renewable energy sources; or

22 c. Waste carbon dioxide;

23 (7) "Renewable natural gas infrastructure", all equipment and facilities for the production,  
24 processing, pipeline interconnection, and distribution of renewable natural gas to be furnished to  
25 Missouri customers.

26 2. The commission shall adopt by rule a renewable natural gas program for gas  
27 corporations. Rules adopted by the commission under this section shall include:

28 (1) Rules for reporting requirements; and

29 (2) Rules for establishing a process for gas corporations to fully recover incurred costs that  
30 are prudent, just, and reasonable associated with a renewable natural gas program. Such recovery  
31 shall not be permitted until the project is operational.

32 3. A filing by a gas corporation pursuant to the renewable natural gas program created in  
33 subsection 2 of this section shall include, but is not limited to:

34 (1) A proposal to procure a total volume of renewable natural gas over a specific period; and

35 (2) Identification of the qualified investments that the gas corporation may make in  
36 renewable natural gas infrastructure.

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1       4. A gas corporation may from time to time revise the filing submitted to the commission  
2 under this section.

3       5. Any costs incurred by a gas corporation for qualified investment that are prudent, just and  
4 reasonable may be recovered by means of an automatic rate adjustment clause.

5       6. When a gas corporation makes a qualified investment in the production of renewable  
6 natural gas, the costs associated with such qualified investment shall include the cost of capital  
7 established by the commission in the gas corporation's most recent general rate case.

8       7. Rules adopted by the commission under this section shall not prohibit an affiliate of a gas  
9 corporation from making a capital investment in a biogas production project if the affiliate is not a  
10 public utility as defined in section 386.020.

11       8. The public service commission may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this  
12 section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created  
13 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
14 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and  
15 chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
16 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently  
17 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after  
18 August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.

19       393.125. 1. No political subdivision of this state shall adopt an ordinance, resolution,  
20 regulation, code, or policy that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the connection or  
21 reconnection of a utility service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered to an  
22 individual customer. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of a political  
23 subdivision to choose utility services for properties owned by the political subdivision.

24       2. No political subdivision of this state shall adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution,  
25 regulation, code, or policy that requires or has the effect of requiring the connection of a private  
26 single-family residence to public water or sewer services if that residence is already served by an  
27 existing private well or septic system unless such existing installation was installed in violation of  
28 applicable ordinances at the time of installation.

29       3. For purposes of this section, utility services shall include natural gas, propane gas,  
30 electricity, and any other form of energy provided to an end user customer."; and

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32 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
33 accordingly.