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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 393.1012, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to ratemaking for gas corporations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 393.1012, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 393.1012, to read as follows:

393.1012. 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 386 and this

- 2 chapter to the contrary, beginning August 28, 2003, a gas corporation providing
- 3 gas service may file a petition and proposed rate schedules with the commission
- 4 to establish or change ISRS rate schedules that will allow for the adjustment of
- 5 the gas corporation's rates and charges to provide for the recovery of costs for
- 6 eligible infrastructure system replacements. The commission may not approve
- 7 an ISRS to the extent it would produce total annualized ISRS revenues below the
- 8 lesser of one million dollars or one-half of one percent of the gas corporation's
- 9 base revenue level approved by the commission in the gas corporation's most
- 10 recent general rate proceeding. The commission may not approve an ISRS to the
- 11 $\,$ extent it would produce total annualized ISRS revenues exceeding ten percent of
- 12 the gas corporation's base revenue level approved by the commission in the gas
- 13 corporation's most recent general rate proceeding in any consecutive three-
- 14 year period during which an ISRS is in effect. An ISRS and any future
- 15 changes thereto shall be calculated and implemented in accordance with the
- 16 provisions of sections 393.1009 to 393.1015. ISRS revenues shall be subject to a
- 17 refund based upon a finding and order of the commission to the extent provided
- 18 in subsections 5 and 8 of section 393.1009.
- 19 2. The commission shall not approve an ISRS for any gas corporation that

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

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20 has not had a general rate proceeding decided or dismissed by issuance of a 21 commission order within the past [three] five years, unless the gas corporation 22 has filed for or is the subject of a new general rate proceeding.

3. In no event shall a gas corporation collect an ISRS for a period exceeding [three] five years unless the gas corporation has filed for or is the subject of a new general rate proceeding; provided that the ISRS may be collected until the effective date of new rate schedules established as a result of the new general rate proceeding, or until the subject general rate proceeding is otherwise decided or dismissed by issuance of a commission order without new rates being established.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as diminishing in any way the current authority and rights of the commission, on its own motion, the staff of the commission, public counsel, the mayor or the president or chairman of the board of aldermen or a majority of the council, commission, or other legislative body of any city, town, village, or county located in the service territory of the gas corporation, or not less than twenty-five consumers or purchasers, or prospective consumers or purchasers, of gas from the gas corporation to file a complaint under section 386.390 alleging that the rates or charges of the gas corporation are unreasonable or unlawful.