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A BILL

To enact section 4905.321 of the Revised Code to 1
require refunds to utility customers who have 2
been improperly charged. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4905.321 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4905.321. (A) Notwithstanding section 4905.32 of the 6
Revised Code, all charges paid by customers to a public utility 7
that are later found to be unreasonable, unlawful, imprudent, or 8
otherwise improper by the supreme court or other authority shall 9
be fully refunded to the customers who paid such charges, not 10
later than one year following the issuance of the supreme court 11
or other authority's decision. 12

(B) The public utilities commission shall order the 13
utility to pay interest to consumers on the amount ordered to be 14
refunded under division (A) of this section. The interest shall 15
accrue beginning at the time the charge is paid by consumers 16
under a schedule filed with the commission. The interest shall 17

be calculated at the public utility's long-term cost of debt. 18

(C) The commission shall order the payment of the refunds 19

described in division (A) of this section and accrued interest 20

described in division (B) of this section in a manner designed 21

to allocate the refunds and accrued interest to customer classes 22

in the same proportion as the charges were originally collected. 23