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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in rates and distribution systems,
3 providing for recovery of electric vehicle infrastructure and
4 gas system expansion costs.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1331. Recovery of electric vehicle infrastructure and gas
10 system expansion costs.

11 (a) Authority.--

12 (1) An electric distribution company may petition the
13 commission to approve the establishment of a charge to
14 provide for the recovery, on a full and current basis through
15 a reconcilable adjustment clause under section 1307 (relating
16 to sliding scale of rates; adjustments), of reasonable and
17 prudent costs incurred to install electric vehicle charging
18 infrastructure through an approved long-term plan that

1 includes collaboration with private industry and has been
2 deemed in the public interest by the commission. Gross
3 receipts taxes derived from electric sales through
4 infrastructure deployed under this section shall be remitted
5 to the Motor License Fund.

6 (2) A natural gas distribution company may petition the
7 commission to approve the establishment of a charge to
8 provide for the recovery, on a full and current basis,
9 through a reconcilable adjustment clause under section 1307,
10 of reasonable and prudent costs incurred for natural gas main
11 extensions to unserved areas through a long-term plan that
12 has been deemed in the public interest by the commission. A
13 petition under this paragraph shall be filed in conjunction
14 with petitions to modify calculations regarding contributions
15 in aid of construction and reviewed in whole by the
16 commission.

17 (b) Petitions.--

18 (1) A petition for commission approval of a charge
19 authorized under this section shall include all of the
20 following information:

21 (i) A long-term plan for electric vehicle charging
22 infrastructure or natural gas system expansion. The plan
23 shall include, at a minimum, a description of the planned
24 types, quantities, costs and locations of facilities to
25 be constructed, a proposed budget and a schedule of
26 deployment.

27 (ii) An initial tariff.

28 (iii) Testimony, affidavits, exhibits or other
29 evidence that demonstrates that the charge is in the
30 public interest and will facilitate the economically

1 feasible installation of vehicle charging infrastructure
2 and natural gas system growth.

3 (iv) Any other information sought by the commission
4 through interrogatory or data request.

5 (2) No later than 270 days after the filing of a plan,
6 the commission shall, after notice and opportunity to be
7 heard, approve, modify or reject the petition, including the
8 proposed plan, charge and initial tariff.

9 (c) Limitation.--The costs recovered through charges under
10 this section may not exceed, on an annual basis, 2.5% of all
11 total revenues of the electric distribution company or natural
12 gas distribution company as of December 31 of the preceding
13 year.

14 (d) Implementation.--The commission may implement this
15 section through orders and regulations. The initial
16 implementation order shall be issued within six months of the
17 effective date of this section.

18 (e) Expiration.--This section shall expire December 31,
19 2032.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.