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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 ratepayer relief reports.

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

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

8 § 1331. Ratepayer relief reports.

9 (a) Stakeholder group.--The commission shall convene a  
10 stakeholder group for each utility service, including  
11 electricity, natural gas, telecommunications and water and  
12 wastewater.

13 (b) Composition.--The stakeholder groups shall consist of  
14 individuals from commission staff, energy associations, utility  
15 companies, Office of Consumer Advocate, Office of Small Business  
16 Advocate, industrial consumer associations, water associations,  
17 telecommunication associations and other groups as deemed  
18 necessary by the commission.

1 (c) Duties.--Each stakeholder group shall provide a forum to  
2 evaluate the laws, regulations and policy statements under the  
3 commission's jurisdiction to determine if a law, regulation or  
4 policy statement should be created, remain in effect, be amended  
5 or be repealed to reduce ratepayer impact and permit the public  
6 utility to operate in a more effective, efficient or economical  
7 manner.

8 (d) Public comment.--Each stakeholder group may allow the  
9 public to provide comment at a date and time specified by the  
10 stakeholder group.

11 (e) Report.--The commission shall have one year from the  
12 effective date of this section to organize and convene each  
13 stakeholder group and issue a report on each utility service.  
14 The stakeholder group must provide rationale for any  
15 recommendations and may consider laws, regulations and policy  
16 statements of other states to support recommendations in the  
17 report. The reports shall be presented by the commission to the  
18 Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee of the  
19 Senate and the Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities  
20 Committee of the House of Representatives.

21 (f) Regulatory plan.--The commission shall include in the  
22 report a plan on how the commission will alter regulations and  
23 policy statements based on the recommendations of each  
24 stakeholder group or the rationale for lack of implementing a  
25 recommendation.

26 (g) Continuation.--The commission shall reconvene the  
27 stakeholder groups every 10 years from the effective date of  
28 this section to continue the evaluation and recommendations for  
29 the creation, amendment or repeal of laws, regulations and  
30 policy statements under the commission's jurisdiction to reduce

1 ratepayer impact and permit the public utility to operate in a  
2 more effective, efficient or economical manner.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.