

Senate Study Bill 2119

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [476.6](#), subsection 19, paragraph e, Code
1 2 1997, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 e. A gas or electric utility required to be rate-regulated
1 4 under this chapter may recover, through an automatic
1 5 adjustment mechanism filed pursuant to subsection 11, over a
1 6 period not to exceed the term of the plan, the costs of an
1 7 energy efficiency plan approved by the board, including
1 8 amounts for a plan approved prior to July 1, 1996, in a
1 9 contested case proceeding conducted pursuant to paragraph "c".
1 10 The board shall periodically conduct a contested case
1 11 proceeding to evaluate the reasonableness and prudence of the
1 12 utility's implementation of an approved energy efficiency plan
1 13 and budget. If a utility is not taking all reasonable actions
1 14 to cost-effectively implement an approved energy efficiency
1 15 plan, the board shall not allow the utility to recover from
1 16 customers costs in excess of those costs that would be
1 17 incurred under reasonable and prudent implementation and shall
1 18 not allow the utility to recover future costs at a level other
1 19 than what the board determines to be reasonable and prudent.
1 20 If the result of a contested case proceeding is a judgment
1 21 against a utility, that utility's future level of cost
1 22 recovery shall be reduced by the amount by which the programs
1 23 were found to be imprudently conducted. The utility shall not
1 24 represent energy efficiency and alternate energy in customer
1 25 billings as a separate cost or expense

~~unless the board~~

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~~otherwise approves~~

1 27 EXPLANATION
1 28 Currently, a rate-regulated gas or electric utility may
1 29 recover the costs of an energy efficiency plan approved by the
1 30 board from the utility's customers through an automatic
1 31 adjustment mechanism. The utility is prohibited from
1 32 representing on a customer billing, as a separate cost or
1 33 expense, the amount assessed to the customer for costs of the
1 34 energy efficiency plan.
1 35 This bill provides that the cost or expense incurred by
2 1 such utility and associated with alternate energy shall also
2 2 not be represented on a customer billing as a separate cost or
2 3 expense.
2 4 LSB 4228SC 77
2 5 mj/sc/14