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MELIO, MARCH 22, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 22, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for a budget payment plan
3 for small business commercial accounts.

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 § 1509.1. Budget payment plan.

9 (a) General rule.--Every public utility shall make available
10 to all small business commercial accounts a budget payment plan
11 which permits monthly charges to be equalized on an estimated
12 usage basis. The budget payment plan shall be provided only upon
13 the request of the customer.

14 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the phrase "small
15 business commercial account" means a small business with less
16 than 50 employees, but shall not apply to subsidiaries of firms

1 with more than 50 employees in the parent company or its
2 subsidiaries. The term shall apply to franchised businesses
3 which are not owned by the franchiser.

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