

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 939

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

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1 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 20 and 21, by striking out

2 "INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, (1) (V), (2) AND (3)"

3 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 25 through 30; page 5, lines 1
4 through 19, by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
5 inserting

6 (a) General rule.--In addition to the right to collect a
7 deposit under any commission regulation or order, the commission
8 shall not prohibit a public utility, prior to or as a condition
9 of providing utility service, from requiring a cash deposit in
10 an amount that is equal to one-sixth of the applicant's
11 estimated annual bill, at the time the public utility determines
12 a deposit is required, [from the following:

13 (1) An applicant who previously received utility
14 distribution services and was a customer of the public
15 utility and whose service was terminated for any of the
16 following reasons:

17 (i) Nonpayment of an undisputed delinquent account.

18 (ii) Failure to complete payment of a deposit,
19 provide a guarantee or establish credit.

20 (iii) Failure to permit access to meters, service
21 connections or other property of the public utility for
22 the purpose of replacement, maintenance, repair or meter
23 reading.

24 (iv) Unauthorized use of the utility service
25 delivered on or about the affected dwelling.

26 (v) Failure to comply with the material terms of a
27 settlement or payment agreement.

28 (vi) Fraud or material misrepresentation of identity
29 for the purpose of obtaining utility service.

30 (vii) Tampering with meters, including, but not
31 limited to, bypassing a meter or removal of an automatic
32 meter reading device or other public utility equipment.

33 (viii) Violating tariff provisions on file with the
34 commission so as to endanger the safety of a person or
35 the integrity of the delivery system of the public

1 utility.

2 (2) Any applicant or customer who is unable to establish
3 creditworthiness to the satisfaction of the public utility
4 through the use of a generally accepted credit scoring
5 methodology which employs standards for using the methodology
6 that fall within the range of general industry practice.

7 (3) A customer who fails to comply with a material term
8 or condition of a settlement or payment agreement] only when
9 there is a history of delinquency in making utility payments.