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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in COVID-19 disaster emergency,  
3 providing for Public Utility Commission public hearings.

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

6 Section 1. Chapter 57 of Title 35 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subchapter to read:

8 SUBCHAPTER F

9 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARINGS

10 Sec.

11 5751. Prohibition on public hearings.

12 § 5751. Prohibition on public hearings.

13 (a) General rule.--The Pennsylvania Public Utility  
14 Commission may not conduct a public hearing where the review,  
15 approval or denial of a tariff or rate increase case applied for  
16 by a utility is on the meeting agenda until the expiration or  
17 termination of the COVID-19 disaster emergency.

18 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
2 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Utility." A natural gas distribution company, a city  
4 natural gas distribution operation, an electric distribution  
5 company, a water utility or a wastewater utility.

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