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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility
3 industry, further providing for definitions and for duties of
4 electric distribution companies and providing for duties of
5 public utilities.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 2803 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 2803. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Electromechanical analog meter." A meter attached by a
16 public utility to the wiring of a customer's building or
17 residence for the purpose of measuring the amount of electricity
18 consumed by the customer or to supply pipes for the purpose of
19 measuring the amount of natural gas or water consumed by the

1 customer, which meets all of the following criteria:

2 (1) The meter has no wireless or power line data
3 transmission capabilities.

4 (2) The meter has no wireless or power line reception
5 capabilities.

6 (3) The meter contains no switched-mode power supply.

7 (4) If the meter is attached to the wiring of a
8 customer's building or residence, the meter contains surge
9 protection.

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11 Section 2. Section 2807(f)(2) of Title 66 is amended and the
12 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 § 2807. Duties of electric distribution companies.

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15 (f) Smart meter technology and time of use rates.--

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17 (2) [Electric] Except as provided under subsection
18 (f.1), electric distribution companies shall furnish smart
19 meter technology as follows:

20 (i) Upon request from a customer that agrees to pay
21 the cost of the smart meter at the time of the request.

22 (ii) In new building construction.

23 (iii) In accordance with a depreciation schedule not
24 to exceed 15 years.

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26 (f.1) Electromechanical analog meters.--Notwithstanding the
27 provisions of subsection (f), a customer may elect to have an
28 electromechanical analog meter for use on the customer's
29 property instead of a smart meter at any time with all
30 consequent actual costs to be recovered from the customer as

1 approved by the commission. The following shall apply:

2 (1) A customer may select an electromechanical analog
3 meter by providing a notice to the electric distribution
4 company of the customer's selection. Upon request by the
5 customer, the electric distribution company shall provide a
6 form for the customer to make a selection under this
7 subsection by certified mail or electronically through the
8 electric distribution company's publicly accessible Internet
9 website.

10 (2) If an electric distribution company has previously
11 installed smart meter technology on a customer's property,
12 the electric distribution company may charge the customer for
13 the installation of an electromechanical analog meter and the
14 actual costs incurred to provide service through the
15 electromechanical analog meter as approved by the commission
16 on a full and current basis.

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18 Section 3. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:

19 § 2807.1. Duties of public utilities.

20 (a) Usage reporting.--A public utility shall provide a
21 customer with easily accessible methods to report energy usage
22 on a monthly basis, including by phone, certified mail and
23 online reporting.

24 (b) Meter switching.--A public utility shall inform a
25 customer of the option to switch the customer's current meter to
26 an electromechanical analog meter.

27 (c) Natural gas distribution utilities.--A natural gas
28 distribution utility as defined in section 1403 (relating to
29 definitions) shall provide a customer with the option of a
30 usage-measuring meter that does not transmit or receive

1 wirelessly in accordance with the same requirements applicable
2 to an electromechanical analog meter under this section.

3 (d) Water distribution utilities.--A water distribution
4 utility as defined in section 1403 shall provide a customer with
5 the option of a usage-measuring meter that does not transmit or
6 receive wirelessly in accordance with the same requirements
7 applicable to an electromechanical analog meter under this
8 section.

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