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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2530** Session of  
1984

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INTRODUCED BY SALVATORE, PERZEL, O'BRIEN, WESTON AND WOGAN,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 3, 1984

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for billing  
3 procedures.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1509 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1509. Billing procedures.

9 All bills rendered by a public utility as defined in  
10 paragraph (1)(i), (ii), (vi) or (vii) of the definition of  
11 "public utility" in section 102 (relating to definitions) to its  
12 service customers, except bills for installation charges, shall  
13 allow at least 15 days for nonresidential customers and 20 days  
14 for residential customers from the date of transmittal of the  
15 bill for payment without incurring any late payment penalty  
16 charges therefor. All customers shall be permitted to receive  
17 bills monthly and shall be notified of their right thereto. All  
18 bills shall be itemized to separately show amounts for basic

1 service, Federal excise taxes, applicable State sales and gross  
2 receipts taxes, to the extent practicable, fuel adjustment  
3 charge, if any, State tax adjustment charge or such other  
4 similar components of the total bill as the commission may  
5 order. Also, the commission shall require public utilities to  
6 include in their bills notices of all public hearings conducted  
7 by the commission, including, but not limited to, public input  
8 meetings on rate increases. Any electric or gas public utility  
9 billing customers on a bimonthly or quarterly basis and  
10 rendering interim statements or bills each month shall include  
11 in such interim statement or bill an amount for the fuel  
12 adjustment charge based upon one-half of the total expected  
13 bimonthly kilowatt hour or cubic foot billing or one-third of  
14 the total expected quarterly billing and using the fuel  
15 adjustment charge rate applicable in the month of the interim  
16 statement or bill. At the time of preparing the bimonthly or  
17 quarterly bill, an appropriate adjustment shall be made in the  
18 total fuel adjustment charge billing for the period. Any public  
19 utility rendering bills on a bimonthly basis or quarterly basis  
20 shall calculate the fuel adjustment charge per kilowatt hour or  
21 cubic foot for the entire period as the weighted average of the  
22 two monthly rates or the three monthly rates whichever is  
23 applicable.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.