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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 24, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for recovery of costs
3 related to certain gas utility distribution system
4 improvement projects.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1307 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9 § 1307. Sliding scale of rates; adjustments.

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11 (f.1) Recovery of costs related to distribution system
12 improvement projects designed to enhance gas access and
13 availability, improve reliance on domestic sources of supply,
14 improve economic development and long-term system security and
15 viability.--Gas utilities may file tariffs establishing a
16 sliding scale of rates or other method for the automatic
17 adjustment of the rates of the gas utility as shall provide for
18 recovery of the fixed costs (depreciation and pretax return) of

1 certain distribution system improvement projects, as approved by
2 the commission, that are completed and placed in service between
3 base rate proceedings. The commission, by regulation or order,
4 shall prescribe the specific procedures to be followed in
5 establishing the sliding scale or other automatic adjustment
6 method.

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