THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for electric, natural gas 2 3 and telecommunications service supplied to certain 4 organizations. 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 7 Section 1. Section 1511 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: § 1511. [Electricity] <u>Electric</u>, <u>natural gas and</u> 10 telecommunications service supplied to certain 11 organizations. 12 (a) Electric service .-- Any public utility company supplying 13 electric service shall, upon application, permit a volunteer 14 fire company, a nonprofit rescue squad or ambulance service or a 15 nonprofit senior citizen center to elect to have its electric service rendered pursuant to a rate schedule which provides 16

- 1 equivalent charges for such service as residential rates upon
- 2 execution of a contract for a minimum term of one year.
- 3 (b) Natural gas service. -- Any natural gas supplier or
- 4 natural gas distribution company supplying natural gas service
- 5 shall, upon application, permit a volunteer fire company, a
- 6 <u>nonprofit rescue squad or ambulance service or a nonprofit</u>
- 7 <u>senior citizen center to elect to have its natural gas supply</u>
- 8 service or natural gas distribution service rendered pursuant to
- 9 a rate schedule which provides equivalent charges for the
- 10 <u>service as residential rates upon execution of a contract for a</u>
- 11 minimum term of one year.
- 12 (c) Telecommunications service. -- Any telecommunications
- 13 <u>utility providing telecommunications service within a certified</u>
- 14 exchange area shall, upon application, permit a volunteer fire
- 15 <u>company or a nonprofit senior citizen center to elect to have</u>
- 16 its telecommunications service rendered pursuant to a rate
- 17 <u>schedule which provides equivalent charges for such</u>
- 18 telecommunications service as residential rates upon execution
- 19 of a contract for a minimum of one year.
- 20 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
- 21 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 22 subsection:
- 23 "Natural gas distribution company." The term shall have the
- 24 meaning as defined in section 2202 (relating to definitions).
- 25 "Natural gas distribution service." The term shall have the
- 26 meaning as defined in section 2202 (relating to definitions).
- 27 "Natural gas supplier." The term shall have the meaning as
- 28 defined in section 2202 (relating to definitions).
- 29 "Natural gas supply service." The term shall have the
- 30 meaning as defined in section 2202 (relating to definitions).

- 1 "Telecommunications service." The term shall have the
- meaning as defined in section 3012 (relating to definitions). 2
- "Telecommunications utility." Any provider of 3
- telecommunications service. 4
- "Volunteer fire company." The term shall have the meaning as 5
- defined in the act of July 15, 1976 (P.L.1036, No.208), known as 6
- 7 the Volunteer Fire Company, Ambulance Service and Rescue Squad
- Assistance Act. 8
- Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days. 9