
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HANNA, ENGLISH, CONKLIN, DEAN, HAGGERTY, MILLARD,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MAY 2, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in service and facilities, further
3 providing for billing 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 (a) General rule.--All bills rendered by a public utility as
10 defined in paragraph (1)(i), (ii), (vi) or (vii) of the
11 definition of "public utility" in section 102 (relating to
12 definitions) to its service customers, except bills for
13 installation charges, shall allow at least 15 days for
14 nonresidential customers and 20 days for residential customers
15 from the date of transmittal of the bill for payment without
16 incurring any late payment penalty charges therefor. All
17 customers shall be permitted to receive bills monthly and shall
18 be notified of their right thereto. All bills shall be itemized

1 to separately show amounts for basic service, Federal excise
2 taxes, applicable State sales and gross receipts taxes, to the
3 extent practicable, fuel adjustment charge, if any, State tax
4 adjustment charge or such other similar components of the total
5 bill as the commission may order. Any electric or gas public
6 utility billing customers on a bimonthly or quarterly basis and
7 rendering interim statements or bills each month shall include
8 in such interim statement or bill an amount for the fuel
9 adjustment charge based upon one-half of the total expected
10 bimonthly kilowatt hour or cubic foot billing or one-third of
11 the total expected quarterly billing and using the fuel
12 adjustment charge rate applicable in the month of the interim
13 statement or bill. At the time of preparing the bimonthly or
14 quarterly bill, an appropriate adjustment shall be made in the
15 total fuel adjustment charge billing for the period. Any public
16 utility rendering bills on a bimonthly basis or quarterly basis
17 shall calculate the fuel adjustment charge per kilowatt hour or
18 cubic foot for the entire period as the weighted average of the
19 two monthly rates or the three monthly rates whichever is
20 applicable.

21 (b) Installation charges.--

22 (1) Prior to the provision of service on the customer's
23 property, not including an easement or right-of-way, a public
24 utility shall provide a customer with a written itemized
25 statement of the estimated installation charges.

26 (2) A public utility may not bill a customer more than
27 the total amount on the itemized statement provided to a
28 customer under paragraph (1), until the public utility:

29 (i) Provides the customer with written notice of the
30 increased installation charges and a revised itemized

1 statement clearly detailing the total installation
2 charges.

3 (ii) Receives a signed agreement from the customer
4 to pay the increased charges.

5 (3) A customer may not waive the requirements of
6 paragraph (2), and an agreement to do so shall be void and
7 unenforceable.

8 (4) The commission shall promulgate the rules and
9 regulations necessary to facilitate the implementation of
10 this section, including procedures for customers to submit
11 complaints related to public utility overcharging and public
12 utility procedures when customers refuse to sign an agreement
13 to the updated installation charges.

14 (5) For the purposes of this subsection, the term
15 "customer" shall not include a developer.

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