

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

PUBLIC SERVICE COMN: Provides relative to the authority of the Public Service Commission regarding pass-through charges

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 45:1163(C), relative to the Louisiana Public Service Commission; to authorize
3 the commission to adjust the fuel adjustment charge of an electric utility; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 45:1163(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1163. Power to regulate rates and service; exceptions

8 * * *

9 C. To ensure that costs passed through to consumers are just and reasonable,
10 and after exercise of its authorized review and determination, the commission shall
11 exercise its control and rate fixing authority to adjust fuel adjustment charges of an
12 electric utility as assessed by an electric utility to rate-paying consumers through
13 operation of the utility's fuel adjustment clause no less frequently than every other
14 year.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Louisiana Public Service Commission (commission) to adjust the fuel adjustment charge of an electric utility.

Present law gives the commission the power and authority to fix and regulate rates charged and service furnished by certain public utilities.

Present law (R.S. 45:1163.2) provides for an electric utility's use of an authorized fuel adjustment clause to recoup from rate-paying customers the ongoing, actual costs of fuel and energy generation. Proposed law retains present law.

To ensure just and reasonable fuel adjustment charges to rate-paying customers, proposed law requires the commission to adjust the fuel adjustment charge, no less frequently than every other year, of an electric utility that assesses recoupment charges through operation of an authorized fuel adjustment clause.

(Adds R.S. 45:1163(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Move proposed law from R.S. 45:1163.2(G) to R.S. 45:1163(C).
2. Change may to shall to the require the commission to adjust fuel adjustment charges.
3. Require the commission to adjust fuel adjustment charges no less frequently than every other year.