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HOUSE BILL NO. 254

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

UTILITIES: Provides for creating a list of energy utility providers that provide annual consumption reporting mechanisms

AN ACT

2	To enact Chapter 67-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3	comprised of R.S. 51:3275.1 through 3275.5, relative to energy utility providers that
4	provide annual consumption reporting mechanisms; to provide for definitions; to
5	require the Public Service Commission to publish certain utility data; to provide for
6	information gathering; to provide for implementation; to provide for an effective
7	date; and to provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. Chapter 67-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
10	comprised of R.S. 51:3275.1 through 3275.5, is hereby enacted to read as follows:
11	CHAPTER 67-A. ENERGY UTILITY REPORTING TRANSPARENCY ACT
12	<u>§3275.1. Short title</u>
13	This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Energy Utility
14	Reporting Transparency Act".
15	§3275.2. Definitions
16	For the purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions apply:
17	(1) "Annual consumption report" means a detailed report of the aggregate
18	energy usage for all the meters associated with a property during the previous
19	calendar year, including but not limited to total usage, peak usage periods, and cost.
20	(2) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

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1	(3) "Energy utility" means any public utility providing electricity or natural
2	gas services within the state.
3	§3275.3. Publication of utility data
4	A. The commission shall annually publish a list that includes both of the
5	following:
6	(1) Energy utilities that offer property owners with multiple meters the
7	option to request an annual consumption report.
8	(2) Energy utilities that do not offer the option listed in Paragraph (1) of this
9	Subsection.
10	B. The commission shall do all of the following with the list required by
11	Subsection A of this Section:
12	(1) Publish on the commission's website.
13	(2) Distribute to relevant state and local government offices, including but
14	not limited to:
15	(a) Louisiana Economic Development.
16	(b) Parishes.
17	(c) Cities.
18	C. The commission shall publish the list required by Subsection A of this
19	Section by March first of each year, covering the previous calendar year.
20	§3275.4. Information gathering
21	An energy utility shall report to the commission annually, by January
22	fifteenth, whether it does or does not offer property owners with multiple meters the
23	option to request an annual consumption report.
24	§3275.5. Implementation
25	A. The commission shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for
26	the collection and publication of the information outlined in this Chapter.
27	B. This Chapter does not require an energy utility to provide an annual
28	consumption report, but an energy utility shall disclose to the commission whether
29	it does or does not provide this service.

- 1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
- 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
- 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
- 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 5 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the publication of a list of energy utility providers that provide annual consumption reporting mechanisms.

Proposed law creates the Energy Utility Reporting Transparency Act.

Proposed law defines "annual consumption report", "commission", and "energy utility".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the Public Service Commission (commission) shall annually publish a list on whether an energy utility offers property owners with multiple meters the option to request an annual consumption report at no additional cost.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the commission shall publish and distribute the list required by <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the commission shall publish the list required by <u>proposed law</u> by March 1st of each year, covering the previous calendar year.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that energy utilities shall report to the commission annually, by Jan. 15th, whether they offer property owners with multiple meters the option to request an annual consumption report.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the commission shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the collection and publication of the information outlined in <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall not require energy utilities to provide an annual consumption report, but energy utilities shall disclose to the commission if they do or do not provide this service.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:3275.1-3275.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Commerce</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Make technical changes.

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