

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the Utility Regulatory Assessment Clarification Act of 1985 to permit utilities to provide notice of rate or service changes to only affected customers, to authorize notification by electronic means if the customer has registered for electronic billing, and to require utilities to make notices of rate or service changes available at their website.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Utility Rate Payers Amendment Act of 2003”.

Sec. 2. Section 8(39)(a) of an Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 983; D.C. Official Code § 34-909(a)), is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following new sentences in its place to read as follows: “Notice of every rate application or change in condition of service proposed and filed with the Public Service Commission shall be given by the utility to each residential or commercial rate payer affected by the proposed rate application or change. The notice shall be: (1) by written notice in the affected rate payer’s billing envelope, (2) by electronic notice to those rate payers who have registered for electronic billing with a utility, and (3) available for viewing at a utility’s website and updated by a utility on at least a monthly basis consistent with the billing cycle.”.

Amend
§ 34-909

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as

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provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia