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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to the discontinuation of utility service to residential customers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 39 of the public service law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 4 to read as follows:
3 4. UPON DISCONTINUATION OF UTILITY SERVICE TO A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER,
4 A GAS OR ELECTRIC CORPORATION SHALL NOTIFY SUCH CUSTOMER OF THEIR RIGHT
5 TO AN ACTUAL METER READING. IT SHALL BE THE RIGHT OF EVERY RESIDENTIAL
6 CUSTOMER OF A GAS OR ELECTRIC CORPORATION, UPON THE DISCONTINUATION OF
7 UTILITY SERVICE, TO OBTAIN, UPON REQUEST, AN ACTUAL METER READING BY
8 SUCH CUSTOMER'S GAS OR ELECTRIC CORPORATION. A GAS OR ELECTRIC CORPO-
9 RATION SHALL PROVIDE SUCH A READING WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF SUCH
10 REQUEST, PROVIDED THAT IF CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE GAS OR
11 ELECTRIC CORPORATION MAKE AN ACTUAL READING OF THE METER EXTREMELY
12 DIFFICULT, SUCH CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN ACTUAL
13 METER READING. A GAS OR ELECTRIC CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO
14 PROVIDE A PHYSICAL METER READING DURING A HOLIDAY OR NON-WORK DAY, BUT
15 SHALL INSTEAD PROVIDE SUCH METER READING ON THE NEXT WORKDAY.
16 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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