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Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS, CAHILL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to the discontinua-  
tion of utility service to residential customers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, 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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