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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to filing complaints with the public service commission

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

1     Section 1. Section 71 of the public service law, as amended by section  
2     48 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     S 71. Complaints as to quality and price of gas and electricity;  
5     investigation by commission; forms of complaints. Upon the complaint in  
6     writing of the mayor of a city, the trustees of a village, the town  
7     board of a town or the chief executive officer or the legislative body  
8     of a county in which a person or corporation is authorized to manufac-  
9     ture, convey, transport, sell or supply gas or electricity for heat,  
10    light or power, or upon the complaint in writing of not less than twen-  
11    ty-five customers or purchasers of such gas or electricity, or upon the  
12    complaint in writing of the department of state, or upon a complaint of  
13    a gas corporation or electrical corporation supplying or transmitting  
14    said gas or electricity, as to the illuminating or heating power, purity  
15    or pressure or the rates, charges or classifications of service of gas,  
16    the efficiency of the electric incandescent lamp supply, the voltage of  
17    the current supplied for light, heat or power, or the rates charged or  
18    classification of service of electricity sold and delivered in such  
19    municipality, OR AS TO THE EXTENT OR DURATION OF A DISRUPTION IN GAS OR  
20    ELECTRICITY SERVICE, the commission shall investigate as to the cause  
21    for such complaint. When such complaint is made, the commission may, by  
22    its agents, examiners and inspectors, inspect the works, system, plant,  
23    devices, appliances and methods used by such person or corporation in  
24    manufacturing, transmitting and supplying such gas or electricity, and

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

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1 may examine or cause to be examined the books and papers of such person,  
2 or corporation pertaining to the manufacture, sale, transmitting and  
3 supplying of such gas or electricity. The form and contents of  
4 complaints made as provided in this section shall be prescribed by the  
5 commission. Such complaints shall be signed by the officers, or by the  
6 customers, purchasers or subscribers making them, who must add to their  
7 signatures their places of residence, by street and number, if any. THE  
8 COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH THE FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE  
9 FORM ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE.  
10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.