STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 26, 2020

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to utility membership dues used for lobbying activities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 114-a of the public service law, as added by chapter 334 of the laws of 1979, is amended to read as follows:

§ 114-a. Rates not to include cost of legislative lobbying. In determining rates to be charged customers, the commission shall not include the cost of legislative lobbying on behalf of any public utility as part of any such utility's operational costs **and the commission shall not include the cost of membership dues for any organization, association, institution, corporation or any other entity that engages in legislative lobbying as part of any such utility's operational costs**. As used in this section, legislative lobbying shall mean and include any attempt by any person on behalf of a public utility to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation by either house of the legislature or the congress, or the approval or disapproval of any legislation by the governor; provided however, legislative lobbying shall not include any appearance by any person on behalf of a public utility before a committee of either house of the legislature or the congress where any such appearance is at the request of any such committee.

§ 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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