STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 8, 2023

Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, MAYER -- 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 providing a one hundred dollar per day credit to customers of electric and gas corporations for power outages of twenty-four hours or more

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

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 73-b to read as follows:

§ 73-b. Power outage credit. Every electric corporation and gas corporation in this state shall provide its customers with a credit to such customers' accounts at any time a customer is without power for a period of time in excess of twenty-four hours. Such credit shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars for each twenty-four hour period that a customer is without power and shall only be credited to the account of each customer of such corporation who has been without power for such period of time. Credit to a customer's account made pursuant to this section shall be used to pay charges against such account assessed by the electric corporation or gas corporation and such customer shall not be required to pay on such account until such credit has been completely exhausted.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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