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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to establishing a usage monitor program

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

Section 1. Section 44 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. The commission shall require every gas and electric utility corporation utilizing smart meters to establish a usage monitor program for the purposes of notifying residential customers when energy usage exceeds a cost or usage threshold in a given billing period determined by the residential customer.

a. The usage monitor program shall provide residential customers with daily updates on their electricity and/or gas usage. This information shall be viewable to the customer on the gas and/or electricity utility corporation website within a customer's online account. Participating residential customers shall be able to utilize within their customer account a function to set a monthly usage threshold that is measured in kilowatt hours (kWh) for electricity service, and therms or hundred cubic feet (CCF) for gas service.

b. The usage monitor program shall notify residential customers electronically or by mail when half of their determined energy usage threshold is met, and when their usage threshold exceeds their determined threshold. This electronic and paper notification shall include an estimate of their monthly bill.

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

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c. The usage monitor program shall be an elective program for residential customers to join.

d. For the purposes of this subdivision, "smart meter" shall mean a metering device that electronically measures and transmits energy usage to a utility for the purposes of billing and monitoring.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.