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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, COMRIE, WEBB -- 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 adjustment of electric residential fixed charges

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 42-b to read as follows:

§ 42-b. Adjustment of electric distribution company residential fixed charge. 1. As used in this section "residential fixed charge" means any fixed fee charged to residential customers of an electric, gas or combination electric and gas utility corporation, including, but not limited to, (a) a fixed charge for distribution basic service, (b) a distribution customer service charge, (c) a customer charge, or (d) a basic service fee which is separate and distinct from any distribution charge per kilowatt-hour.

2. The department shall adjust each utility corporation's residential fixed charge upon such corporation's filing with the department of an amendment of rate schedules pursuant to article four of this chapter, to recover only the fixed costs and operation and maintenance expenses directly related to metering, billing, service connections and the provision of customer service.

3. The utility corporation shall provide clear and transparent information on fixed charges to residential electric, gas, or combination electric and gas utility customers, including, but not limited to, the specific costs and expenses included in the calculation of such charges. The information shall be easily accessible to customers, including through the corporation's website and billing statements, and shall be provided in a clear and understandable manner. The corporation shall also provide customers with notice of any changes to fixed charges,

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

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including the reasons for such changes and the impact on customers' bills, in advance of the effective date of such changes.

4. The provisions of subdivisions two and three of this section shall not permit or enable the department to cause a cost shift to other rate classes.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.