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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUMMER SAVER REWARDS PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 119 of public act 07-242 is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) For the calendar year [2007] 2008, each electric distribution
4 company shall offer an electricity conservation incentive program to its
5 customers. Said program shall compare electricity usage during the
6 period beginning on June 1, [2007] 2008, and ending on August 31,
7 [2007] 2008, and during the same period in [2006] 2007 and give
8 customers a conservation incentive.

9 (b) Electric distribution companies shall issue credits to customers
10 on the electricity bill that is presented on or after November 1, [2007]
11 2008, and shall calculate said credits as follows: (1) Any customer who
12 uses at least ten per cent less electricity during the [2007] 2008 period
13 shall earn a credit equal to ten per cent of the billed generation charges
14 for usage from June 1, [2007] 2008, to August 31, [2007] 2008, inclusive;
15 (2) any customer who uses at least fifteen per cent less electricity
16 during the [2007] 2008 period shall earn a credit equal to fifteen per

17 cent of the billed generation charges for usage from June 1, [2007] 2008,
18 to August 31, [2007] 2008, inclusive; and (3) any customer who uses at
19 least twenty per cent less electricity during the [2007] 2008 period shall
20 earn a credit equal to twenty per cent of the billed generation charges
21 for usage from June 1, [2007] 2008, to August 31, [2007] 2008, inclusive.
22 The calculation of reduction in electric energy usage shall be made
23 pursuant to this section and the Department of Public Utility Control's
24 decision in the proceeding required by subsection [(c)] (d) of this
25 section. Customers who have overdue balances with the electric
26 distribution companies shall have any credits earned applied to such
27 overdue balances.

28 (c) Electric distribution companies shall offer an incentive program
29 to municipalities within their service area for resident participation in
30 the program established in subsection (a) of this section. In each
31 service area, (1) the municipality with the highest per capita reduction
32 in energy use for the program period shall receive a credit equal to
33 twenty-five per cent of its generation charges for such period; (2) the
34 municipality with the second highest per capita reduction in energy
35 use for the program period shall receive a credit equal to fifteen per
36 cent of its generation charges for such period; and (3) the municipality
37 with the third highest per capita reduction in energy use for the
38 program period shall receive a credit equal to ten per cent of its
39 generation charges for such period.

40 [(c)] (d) Within fifteen days of the effective date of this section, each
41 electric distribution company shall file with the Department of Public
42 Utility Control an outline of the [program] programs established in
43 [subsection] subsections (a) and (c) of this section. Said outline shall
44 include, but not be limited to, how the company plans to implement
45 said program and the projected costs of said program. Using the
46 submitted outlines, the department shall conduct an uncontested
47 proceeding to design the parameters of the [program] programs
48 established in [subsection] subsections (a) and (c) of this section and to
49 consider and implement reasonable means of marketing and

50 promoting the program. The department shall include, but not be
51 limited to, the following parameters necessary to encourage
52 conservation, discourage inaccuracy in measurement and assure that
53 credits are only provided to customers who have changed their usage
54 by taking conservation and load management actions: (1) The
55 comparison of energy usage shall be based on weather-normalized
56 usage in [2007] 2008 compared to the comparable period in [2006] 2007
57 for that particular address; (2) the program shall not be available to
58 customers without usage in comparable months of [2006] 2007; and (3)
59 for customers who participate in other demand response programs,
60 including, but not limited to, those sponsored by the regional
61 independent system operator, benefits from the program established in
62 subsection (a) of this section shall be pro-rated against any benefits
63 from any other programs.

64 [(d)] (e) All costs incurred by an electric distribution company in
65 connection with the program established in [subsection] subsections
66 (a) and (c) of this section, including incentive credits on customers'
67 bills, shall be recoverable through the systems benefits charge.

68 [(e)] (f) On or before [February 1, 2008] January 1, 2009, the
69 department shall report to the joint standing committee of the General
70 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy regarding
71 the success of, and any recommendations for improvement of, the
72 incentive program established pursuant to [subsection] subsections (a)
73 and (c) of this section.

74 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) For the calendar year 2008, the
75 Department of Public Utility Control shall designate a retail
76 commodity supplier that shall offer a free nights program. The
77 department shall make such designation on or before June 1, 2008. Said
78 program shall be available to any customer who requests and receives
79 a time-of-use rate and the applicable meter technology. Customers
80 who participate in said program, which shall be in effect from June 15,
81 2008, to September 15, 2008, inclusive, shall not pay for electricity used

82 between eight o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m.

83 (b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall conduct an
84 uncontested proceeding to design the parameters of the program
85 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and to consider
86 and implement reasonable means of marketing and promoting the
87 program.

88 (c) On or before January 1, 2009, the department shall report to the
89 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
90 of matters relating to energy regarding the success of, and any
91 recommendations for improvements of, the program established
92 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	PA 07-242, Sec. 119
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To continue last year's Summer Saver Rewards program with an added incentive for municipalities with high rates of participation and to establish a free nights program for people who sign up for time-of-us rates.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]