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Public Act No. 23-199

AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF UTILITY SERVICE TERMINATIONS AT CERTAIN RENTAL PROPERTIES.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) Each gas company and electric distribution company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes, shall, upon request of a person who certifies that such person is the owner of a property that is used exclusively for nonresidential purposes and contains not more than twelve thousand square feet of total floor area that is rented or leased, to which the company provides service that is billed to a person other than such requestor, agree to:

(1) Notify such requestor by United States mail not less than seventy-two hours prior to terminating service to such property; and

(2) Reinstate gas or electric service, as applicable, by reverting such service to such requestor's name, if, at a later date, such requestor requests such reinstatement. Such requestor shall be responsible for maintaining such requestor's account as current on and after any such reinstatement.

(b) Any request made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be in writing in a form prescribed by the Public Utilities Regulatory

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Authority. The authority shall prescribe such form and the implementation date for such form after evaluating evidence from electric distribution companies, gas companies and other interested parties in an uncontested proceeding. Such request shall include: (1) A certification that the requestor is the owner of the property that is the subject of the request; and (2) the mailing address of the requestor that shall be used by such gas or electric distribution company, as applicable, to mail notice in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section. The requestor shall be responsible for notifying such gas or electric distribution company of any change to such requestor's mailing address or of the sale of such property in a timely manner.

(c) No gas company or electric distribution company may disclose to the requestor the reason the company terminates service to such property.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require such requestor to pay an account balance or arrearage of any customer who was billed for service at such property before such service was terminated.

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