

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

February 10, 2022

Committee on Energy & Environment.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB22-1018 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Finance with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 14, after "**add**" insert "(1.5) and".
- 2 Page 3, strike lines 5 and 6 and substitute "utilities to use when
- 3 disconnecting service due to nonpayment. ~~At a minimum,~~ The rules must
- 4 address the following subjects:".
- 5 Page 3 of the bill, line 9, before "SATURDAYS," insert "FRIDAYS,".
- 6 Page 3 of the bill, strike lines 11 and 12 and substitute:
 - 7 "(B) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE, AFTER 11:59 A.M.
 - 8 ON A MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY THAT IS NOT A HOLIDAY; OR".
- 9 Page 3, strike line 12 and substitute "NOT A HOLIDAY; OR
- 10 (C) DURING AN EMERGENCY OR SAFETY EVENT OR CIRCUMSTANCE;
- 11 AND".
- 12 Page 3, strike lines 18 through 27.
- 13 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute "RECONNECTION OF
- 14 SERVICE IF ONE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (1.5)
- 15 OF THIS SECTION IS MET.
 - 16 (1.5) A UTILITY SHALL RECONNECT A CUSTOMER'S SERVICE ON THE
 - 17 SAME DAY AS THE CUSTOMER REQUESTS RECONNECTION PURSUANT TO
 - 18 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION IF:
 - 19 (a) THE CUSTOMER IS AN ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER WITH
 - 20 ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE AND HAS REQUESTED
 - 21 RECONNECTION OF SERVICE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE CLOSE OF
 - 22 BUSINESS FOR THE ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CUSTOMER SERVICE DIVISION;

1 EXCEPT THAT THE ELECTRIC UTILITY MAY RECONNECT SERVICE ON THE
2 DAY FOLLOWING A DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE IF THERE ARE INTERNET
3 CONNECTIVITY, TECHNICAL, OR MECHANICAL PROBLEMS THAT
4 REASONABLY PREVENT THE UTILITY FROM REMOTELY RECONNECTING THE
5 CUSTOMER'S SERVICE; OR

6 (b) THE CUSTOMER IS EITHER AN ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER
7 WITHOUT ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE OR A GAS UTILITY
8 CUSTOMER AND HAS REQUESTED RECONNECTION OF SERVICE ON OR
9 BEFORE 12:59 P.M.; EXCEPT THAT, AN ELECTRIC UTILITY OR GAS UTILITY
10 MAY RECONNECT THE CUSTOMER'S SERVICE ON THE DAY FOLLOWING A
11 DISCONNECTION IF:

12 (I) PRIOR TO DISCONNECTION OF THE CUSTOMER'S SERVICE, THE
13 UTILITY HAS MADE A QUALIFYING COMMUNICATION WITH THE CUSTOMER;
14 OR

15 (II) AN EMERGENCY OR SAFETY EVENT OR CIRCUMSTANCE ARISES
16 AFTER DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE THAT RENDERS THE UTILITY'S STAFF
17 TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE TO SAFELY RECONNECT SERVICE. IF
18 NEXT-DAY RECONNECTION OF SERVICE IS NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO THE
19 CONTINUATION OF THE EMERGENCY OR SAFETY EVENT OR CIRCUMSTANCE,
20 THE UTILITY SHALL RECONNECT THE CUSTOMER'S SERVICE AS SOON AS
21 POSSIBLE."

22 Page 4, strike line 12 and substitute "BETWEEN AN ELECTRIC UTILITY'S
23 DATA SYSTEMS AND THE METER'S INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS AND
24 ALLOWS THE".

25 Page 4, after line 14 insert:

26 "(b) (I) "EMERGENCY OR SAFETY EVENT OR CIRCUMSTANCE"
27 MEANS A MANMADE OR NATURAL EMERGENCY EVENT OR SAFETY
28 CIRCUMSTANCE:

29 (A) THAT PREVENTS UTILITY STAFF FROM BEING ABLE TO SAFELY
30 TRAVEL TO OR WORK AT A CUSTOMER'S RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS
31 FOR PURPOSES OF RECONNECTING UTILITY SERVICE; OR

32 (B) FOR WHICH A UTILITY HAS DISPATCHED UTILITY STAFF
33 MEMBERS TO HELP RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCY OR SAFETY EVENT OR
34 CIRCUMSTANCE AND, DUE TO THE TIMING OR NUMBER OF UTILITY STAFF
35 DISPATCHED, THE UTILITY LACKS SUFFICIENT TRAINED STAFF TO
36 RECONNECT UTILITY SERVICE AT A CUSTOMER'S RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF
37 BUSINESS.

38 (II) "EMERGENCY OR SAFETY EVENT OR CIRCUMSTANCE" INCLUDES
39 A SEVERE WEATHER EVENT THAT ONE OR MORE REPUTABLE WEATHER
40 FORECASTING SOURCES FORECASTS TO OCCUR IN THE FOLLOWING

1 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND THAT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO RESULT IN
2 DANGEROUS TRAVEL OR ON-SITE OUTDOOR OR INDOOR WORK CONDITIONS
3 FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE PATH OF THE WEATHER EVENT."

4 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

5 Page 5 of the bill, lines 1 and 2, strike "CONFIRMS RECEIPT OF" and
6 substitute "RECEIVES".

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