

HB26-1326 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 43, after line 23 insert:

2 "SECTION 44. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 40-2-132.7 as
3 follows:

4 **40-2-132.7. Energy planning proceedings - investigation to**
5 **streamline - report - repeal.**

6 (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, THE COMMISSION SHALL
7 OPEN ONE OR MORE MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS TO INVESTIGATE
8 POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STREAMLINING ENERGY
9 PLANNING PROCEEDINGS, INTEGRATING GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEM
10 PLANNING, AND MAXIMIZING THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
11 CUSTOMER PROGRAMMING. IN CONDUCTING THE MISCELLANEOUS
12 PROCEEDINGS, THE COMMISSION SHALL IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE
13 RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO:

14 (a) REVISING THE TIMING AND ORDER FOR KEY PLANNING
15 PROCEEDINGS TO ACHIEVE REGULATORY EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE
16 LITIGATION COSTS WHILE MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS OF REGULATORY
17 OVERSIGHT;

18 (b) INTEGRATING GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING AS A
19 MEANS TO REDUCE RATEPAYER COSTS AND TO ADVANCE FEDERAL,
20 REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AIR QUALITY AND DECARBONIZATION
21 GOALS; AND

22 (c) IMPROVING THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
23 UTILITY CUSTOMER PROGRAMS, INCLUDING DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT,
24 BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION, CLEAN HEAT, CUSTOMER-SITED RENEWABLE
25 ENERGY AND STORAGE, AND INCOME-QUALIFIED SERVICE PROGRAMS.

26 (2) IN EVALUATING POTENTIAL BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR
27 INTEGRATING GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING PURSUANT TO
28 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER:

29 (a) IMPLEMENTING EMERGING FORECASTING AND MODELING
30 PRACTICES TO ALLOW FOR OPTIMIZATION ACROSS GAS AND ELECTRIC
31 SYSTEMS;

32 (b) ALIGNING PLANNING PROCESSES, FORECASTS, ASSUMPTIONS,
33 PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF ACROSS GAS,
34 ELECTRIC, AND STEAM PROCEEDINGS;

35 (c) FACILITATING SECURE DATA SHARING BETWEEN GAS AND
36 ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND WITH CERTAIN NONUTILITY ENTITIES, SUCH AS
37 GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND THIRD-PARTY PROVIDERS;

38 (d) IMPROVING COLLABORATION AMONG UTILITIES THAT HAVE
39 OVERLAPPING SERVICE TERRITORIES;

40 (e) EVALUATING AND IMPLEMENTING GEOGRAPHICALLY TARGETED

1 ZONAL ELECTRIFICATION;
2 (f) EVALUATING AND MINIMIZING STRANDED ASSET RISKS; AND
3 (g) MODIFYING COST-RECOVERY METHODS TO REDUCE RATEPAYER
4 RISK OR TO ALIGN UTILITY INCENTIVES WITH RELEVANT PUBLIC POLICY
5 OBJECTIVES SUCH AS REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.
6 (3) IN CONDUCTING THE MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT
7 TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL SOLICIT
8 INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH PUBLIC WORKSHOPS, WRITTEN
9 COMMENTS, AND OTHER FORUMS.
10 (4)(a) BASED ON THE MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED
11 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL
12 PRODUCE A REPORT IDENTIFYING ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
13 RECOMMENDATIONS. THE COMMISSION SHALL INCLUDE ANY
14 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, OR
15 OPERATIONAL ACTIONS NEEDED TO:
16 (I) IMPROVE REGULATORY EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS,
17 INCLUDING THROUGH REVISING THE TIMING AND ORDER OF KEY PLANNING
18 PROCEEDINGS;
19 (II) ADVANCE INTEGRATED GAS AND ELECTRIC SYSTEM PLANNING;
20 AND
21 (III) DELIVER COST-EFFECTIVE, IMPACTFUL, AND STREAMLINED
22 UTILITY CUSTOMER PROGRAMMING TO ACHIEVE PUBLIC POLICY GOALS,
23 INCLUDING GOALS OF REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND
24 INCREASING ACCESS TO AND THE BENEFITS OF PROGRAMMING FOR
25 INCOME-QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS AND DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED
26 COMMUNITIES.
27 (b) WITHIN THE REPORT, THE COMMISSION SHALL ALSO IDENTIFY
28 WHETHER ANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE PURSUANT TO
29 SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION WOULD REQUIRE OR BENEFIT FROM
30 LEGISLATION TO CHANGE STATUTORY DEADLINES FOR SPECIFIC PLANNING
31 PROCEEDINGS, AND, IF SO, THE COMMISSION SHALL RECOMMEND THE
32 STATUTORY CHANGES NEEDED.
33 (5) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2027, THE COMMISSION SHALL
34 SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENERGY AND
35 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
36 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, AND
37 THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
38 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.
39 (6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2029."

40 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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