

No. 1996-156

AN ACT

SB 537

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for recovery of costs related to certain distribution system improvement projects; and providing for State correctional institutions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1307(g) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 1307. Sliding scale of rates; adjustments.

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(g) Recovery of costs related to distribution system improvement projects designed to enhance water quality, fire protection reliability and long-term system viability.—Water utilities may file tariffs establishing a sliding scale of rates or other method for the automatic adjustment of the rates of the water utility as shall provide for recovery of the fixed costs (depreciation and pretax return) of certain distribution system improvement projects, as approved by the commission, that are completed and placed in service between base rate proceedings. The commission, by regulation or order, shall prescribe the specific procedures to be followed in establishing the sliding scale or other automatic adjustment method.

[(g)] (h) Definition.—As used in this section, the term “natural gas” includes natural gas, liquified natural gas, synthetic natural gas and any natural gas substitutes.

Section 2. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2907. State correctional institutions.

(a) Identification of calls.—Telecommunication service providers which provide telecommunication services to State correctional institutions shall identify to the called party any call made by an inmate as originating from a correctional institution.

(b) Collect calls.—

(1) All calls made by inmates shall be collect calls only.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in the case of an emergency, the superintendent may authorize a phone call to be made under the supervision of staff. The charge for the call shall be borne by the inmate.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 18th day of December, A.D. 1996.

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