

SENATE BILL No. 224

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the gas safety and reliability surcharge; relating to a
2 petition for rate schedule, extension of deadline for proceeding;
3 amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2203 and repealing the existing
4 section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2203 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 66-2203. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of chapter 66
9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, beginning
10 July 1, 2006, a natural gas public utility providing gas service may file a
11 petition and proposed rate schedules with the commission to establish or
12 change GSRS rate schedules that will allow for the adjustment of the
13 natural gas public utility's rates and charges to provide for the recovery of
14 costs for eligible infrastructure system replacements. The commission
15 may not approve a GSRS to the extent it would produce total annualized
16 GSRS revenues below the lesser of \$1,000,000 or ½% of the natural gas
17 public utility's base revenue level approved by the commission in the
18 natural gas public utility's most recent general rate proceeding. The
19 commission may not approve a GSRS to the extent it would produce total
20 annualized GSRS revenues exceeding 10% of the natural gas public
21 utility's base revenue level approved by the commission in the natural gas
22 public utility's most recent general rate proceeding. A GSRS and any
23 future changes thereto shall be calculated and implemented in accordance
24 with the provisions of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2202 through 66-2204, and
25 amendments thereto. GSRS revenues shall be subject to a refund based
26 upon a finding and order of the commission to the extent provided in
27 subsections (e) and (h) of K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2204, and amendments
28 thereto.

29 (b) The commission shall not approve a GSRS for any natural gas
30 public utility that has not had a general rate proceeding decided or
31 dismissed by issuance of a commission order within the past 60 months,
32 unless the natural gas public utility has filed for or is the subject of a new
33 general rate proceeding.

34 (c) In no event shall a natural gas public utility collect a GSRS for a
35 period exceeding 60 months unless the natural gas public utility has filed
36 for or is the subject of a new general rate proceeding; except that the

1 GSRS may be collected until the effective date of new rate schedules
2 established as a result of the new general rate proceeding, or until the
3 subject general rate proceeding is otherwise decided or dismissed by
4 issuance of a commission order without new rates being established.

5 *(d) Notwithstanding the 60-month filing deadlines in subsections (b)*
6 *and (c), upon motion by a natural gas public utility, the commission may*
7 *extend the 60-month deadline in subsections (b) and (c) for a period of*
8 *up to 12 months as the commission determines reasonable or necessary.*

9 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 66-2203 is hereby repealed.

10 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
11 publication in the statute book.

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