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To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish additional Federal standards that require electric and gas utilities to transmit to each of its consumers information regarding the consumption of electric energy or gas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Know Your Rates
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO ELECTRIC CON-**
2 **SUMERS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 113(b)(3) of the Pub-
4 lic Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
5 2623(b)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(3) INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS.—Each
7 electric utility shall transmit to each of its electric
8 consumers information regarding rate schedules and
9 consumption of electric energy in accordance with
10 the requirements of section 115(f).”.

11 (b) INFORMATION TO ELECTRIC CONSUMERS.—Sec-
12 tion 115(f) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act
13 of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2625) is amended by adding at the
14 end the following:

15 “(4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—

16 “(A) PROGRAM.—For purposes of the
17 standard for information to consumers estab-
18 lished by section 113(b)(3), each covered elec-
19 tric utility shall establish a program under
20 which such covered electric utility shall transmit
21 information in accordance with this paragraph.

22 “(B) ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMA-
23 TION.—Each covered electric utility shall in-
24 clude in each billing to an electric consumer of
25 the covered electric utility—

1 “(i) the difference between the dollar
2 amount charged in the billing and the dol-
3 lar amount charged in the previous billing
4 period; and

5 “(ii) in dollars and in kilowatt hours,
6 the average monthly consumption of elec-
7 tric energy by such electric consumer.

8 “(C) USAGE NOTICES.—A covered electric
9 utility shall notify an electric consumer infor-
10 mation relating to the average daily consump-
11 tion of electric energy by such electric consumer
12 in the following manner:

13 “(i) If within the first 9 days of a bill-
14 ing period the average daily consumption
15 of electric energy by an electric consumer
16 exceeds the average daily consumption of
17 electric energy for the previous billing pe-
18 riod, the relevant covered electric utility
19 shall notify such electric consumer on the
20 10th day of the billing period of the excess
21 consumption.

22 “(ii) If within the first 19 days of a
23 billing period, or within another date an
24 electric consumer chooses, the average
25 daily consumption of electric energy by

1 such electric consumer exceeds the average
2 daily consumption of electric energy for the
3 previous billing period, the relevant covered
4 electric utility shall notify such electric
5 consumer on the 20th day, or the day after
6 the date on which the electric consumer
7 chooses, of the excess consumption.

8 “(D) OPTIONAL NOTICE.—Under the pro-
9 gram established pursuant to subparagraph
10 (A), a covered electric utility shall provide an
11 option to each electric consumer to be notified
12 by the covered electric utility in the event the
13 electric consumer, within an active billing pe-
14 riod, reaches a dollar amount—

15 “(i) that is based on the rate charged
16 by a covered electric utility for providing
17 electric service;

18 “(ii) that reflects the amount of elec-
19 tric energy consumed within the active bill-
20 ing period; and

21 “(iii) chosen by such electric con-
22 sumer.

23 “(E) COVERED ELECTRIC UTILITY DE-
24 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘covered
25 electric utility’ means an electric utility that re-

1 ceives funding from Federal sources, as deter-
2 mined by the Commission.”.

3 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO GAS CONSUMERS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 303(b) of the Public
5 Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C.
6 3203(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(7) INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS.—Each gas
8 utility shall transmit to each of its gas consumers in-
9 formation relating to the consumption of gas in ac-
10 cordance with section 304(c).”.

11 (b) INFORMATION TO GAS CONSUMERS.—Section
12 304 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
13 (15 U.S.C. 3204) is amended by adding at the end the
14 following:

15 “(c) INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS.—

16 “(1) PROGRAM.—For purposes of the standard
17 for information to consumers established by section
18 303(b)(c), each covered gas utility shall establish a
19 program under which such covered gas utility
20 shall—

21 “(A) in each billing to a gas consumer of
22 the covered gas utility, include—

23 “(i) the difference between the dollar
24 amount charged in the billing and the dol-

lar amount charged in the previous billing period; and

“(ii) in dollars and therms, the average monthly consumption of gas by such gas consumer; and

“(B) notify each such gas consumer information relating to the average daily consumption of gas by such gas consumer in the following manner:

“(i) If within the first 9 days of a billing period the average daily consumption of gas by a gas consumer exceeds the average daily consumption of gas for the previous billing period, the relevant covered gas utility shall notify such gas consumer on the 10th day of the billing period about such exceedance.

“(ii) If within the first 19 days of a billing period, or within another date a gas consumer chooses, the average daily consumption of gas by such gas consumer exceeds the average daily consumption of gas for the previous billing period, the relevant covered gas utility shall notify such gas consumer on the 20th day, or the day after

1 the date on which the gas consumer choos-
2 es, of the excess consumption.

3 “(2) OPTIONAL NOTICE.—Under the program
4 established pursuant to paragraph (1), a covered gas
5 utility shall provide an option to each gas consumer
6 to be notified by the covered electric utility in the
7 event the gas consumer, within an active billing pe-
8 riod, reaches a dollar amount—

9 “(A) that is based on the rate charged by
10 a covered gas utility for providing gas service;

11 “(B) that reflects the amount of gas con-
12 sumed within the active billing period; and

13 “(C) chosen by such gas consumer.

14 “(3) COVERED GAS UTILITY DEFINED.—The
15 term ‘covered gas utility’ means a gas utility that re-
16 ceives funding from Federal sources, as determined
17 by the Commission.”.

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