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To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish and maintain the National Utility Rate Change Tracker, and for other purposes.

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Mr. VINDMAN 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 “Utility Hikes Trans-
5 parency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL UTILITY RATE CHANGE TRACKER.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
9 establish and maintain online a publicly accessible, search-
10 able database, to be known as the National Utility Rate

1 Change Tracker, containing information on approved and
2 effective covered utility rate changes.

3 (b) DATA POINTS.—The National Utility Rate
4 Change Tracker established under subsection (a) shall
5 contain, with respect to each approved or effective rate
6 change for a covered utility, the following information:

7 (1) The name of the covered utility.

8 (2) The services provided by the covered utility.

9 (3) The State in which the rate change is appli-
10 cable.

11 (4) The impact of the rate change—

12 (A) in dollar and percentage change, to the
13 average residential monthly bill; and

14 (B) on total revenue of the covered utility.

15 (5) The total number of customers impacted by
16 the rate change.

17 (6) The date the rate change was approved.

18 (7) A link to the relevant docket for the rate
19 change.

20 (8) The primary reason or reasons provided for
21 the rate change.

22 (9) The effective date of the rate change.

23 (c) QUARTERLY UPDATES.—The Commission shall
24 update information on the National Utility Rate Change

1 Tracker on each date that is the last day of a calendar
2 year quarter.

3 (d) DATA SOURCES.—In updating information on the
4 National Utility Rate Change Tracker, the Commission
5 shall, to the extent practicable—

6 (1) use publicly available information; and

7 (2) enter into data-sharing agreements with
8 State regulatory authorities.

9 (e) SEARCHABILITY.—The National Utility Rate
10 Change Tracker shall be searchable by ZIP Code, address,
11 State, and city.

12 (f) METHODOLOGY DOCUMENT.—The Commission
13 shall publish and maintain with National Utility Rate
14 Change Tracker a plain-language methodology explaining
15 how information contained in the National Utility Rate
16 Change Tracker is collected, standardized, and labeled, in-
17 cluding how gaps or conflicts in information are handled.

18 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
20 means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

21 (2) COVERED UTILITY.—The term “covered
22 utility” means a gas utility (as defined in section
23 302 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of
24 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3202)) or electric utility that sells
25 electric energy to electric consumers (as defined in

1 section 3 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies
2 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2602)).

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