

HOUSE BILL No. 2518

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning certain public utilities; relating to energy efficiency and conservation programs for certain customers; providing for recovery of certain amounts therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The state corporation commission shall authorize any electric public utility or natural gas public utility to recover 112% of any investments by such utility in energy efficiency and conservation programs for residential customers who have an energy audit and are current in the payment of their utility bills or payments under their utility bill payment plan.

(b) The commission shall authorize any electric public utility or natural gas public utility to recover 112% of any investments by such utility in programs to reduce uncollectible bills of residential customers of the utility through prepaid energy cards or similar programs that place responsibility for wise use of energy on customers at high risk of having uncollectible bills. Before the commission authorizes the recovery, the utility shall be required to submit to and obtain approval by the commission of the utility's policies for identifying such high-risk customers. Such policies shall take into account the customer's previous failures to meet terms of payment plan agreements, landlord preferences and such other factors as agreed to by the utility and the commission. The cold weather rule adopted by the commission in docket 158-796-U shall not apply to customers participating in programs instituted pursuant to this subsection.

(c) The state corporation commission shall authorize any electric public utility or natural gas public utility to recover 110% of any investments by such utility in energy efficiency and conservation programs for commercial customers who have an energy audit and are current in payment of their utility bills.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.