

SENATE BILL No. 333

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT creating the transparency in electric utility billing act.

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

4 Section 1. (a) A bill rendered by a retail electric supplier, as defined in
5 K.S.A. 66-1,170, and amendments thereto, for metered electricity service
6 to a customer shall include the following:

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(1) An account number;

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(2) the due date on or before which payment shall be made or the
9 account will be delinquent;

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(3) the total amount due on the due date and the total amount due if
11 delinquent;

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(4) applicable charges, including, but not limited to:

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(A) Energy charges;

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(B) transmission charges;

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(C) distribution charges;

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(D) customer charges;

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(E) renewable energy charges or alternative energy portfolio charges;

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(F) special services charges; and

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(G) additional charges due for delinquent accounts, security deposits,
20 collection, connection or disconnection, installment payment or other
21 charges authorized by the state corporation commission;

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(5) any franchise tax;

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(6) any sales tax;

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(7) the beginning and end dates of the service period;

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(8) the meter identification number;

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(9) the date of the meter reading. If the meter reading is estimated, the
27 word "estimated" shall be clearly and conspicuously stated;

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(10) the actual or estimated usage during the billing period;

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(11) any adjustment to previous billings based on estimated meter
30 readings or customer meter readings;

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(12) the address and telephone number of the electric utility and the
32 identification of the person or office where a customer may report a
33 disputed bill or make an inquiry or complaint; and

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(13) any other information required by the commission.

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(b) When new rates are implemented, electric utilities shall provide
36 general information to customers through bill inserts or direct mail

1 explaining overall changes in rates and any customer charges.

2 (c) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Black start" means the procedure to recover from a total or
4 partial shutdown of the transmission system;

5 (2) "commission" means the state corporation commission;

6 (3) "energy charges" includes:

7 (A) Generation charges;

8 (B) any retail fuel, power or energy cost adjustment;

9 (C) capacity charge; and

10 (D) ancillary services charges, including, but not limited to,
11 regulation charges, synchronous reserves charges, black start charges and
12 reactive service charges;

13 (4) "retail fuel, power or energy cost adjustment" means the
14 difference between the base power costs and the actual power costs due to
15 changes in the fuel costs to produce electricity, purchased power
16 agreements and off-system sales adjustments;

17 (5) "off-system sales" means the sale of excess generation in the
18 wholesale market that is credited towards the fuel costs of the utility; and

19 (6) "special service charge" means services not authorized by tariff or
20 otherwise specifically regulated by the commission.

21 (d) The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as
22 the transparency in electric billing utility act.

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