

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMENDMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 0613, Page 1, Section A, Line 4 by  
inserting after all of said Section the following:

“393.275. 1. The commission shall notify the governing body of each city or county imposing a business license tax pursuant to section 66.300, 92.045, 94.110, 94.270 or 94.360, RSMo, or a similar tax adopted pursuant to charter provisions in any constitutional charter city with a population of at least three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants which is located in more than one county, on gross receipts of any gas corporation, electric corporation, water corporation or sewer corporation of any tariff increases authorized for such firm doing business in that city or county if the approved increase exceeds seven percent. The commission shall include with such notice to any city or county the percentage increase approved for the utility, together with an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase on customers residing in that city or county. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to rate adjustments in the purchase price of natural gas which are approved by the commission.

2. The governing body of each city or county notified of a tariff increase as provided in subsection 1 of this section shall reduce the tax rate of its business license tax on the gross receipts of utility corporations. Within sixty days of the effective date of the tariff increase, the tax rate shall be reduced to the extent necessary so that revenue for the ensuing twelve months will be approximately equal to the revenue received during the preceding twelve months plus a growth factor. The growth factor shall be equal to the average of the additional revenue received in each of the preceding three years. However, a city or county may maintain the tax rate of its business license tax on the gross receipts of utility corporations without reduction if an ordinance to maintain the tax rate is enacted by the governing body of the city or an order to maintain the tax rate is issued by the governing body of the county after September 28, 1985. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to rate adjustments in the purchase price of natural gas which are approved by the commission and such purchased gas adjustment rates shall include the gas cost portion of net write-offs incurred by the gas corporation in providing service to system sales customers upon the filing and approval of new rate schedules applicable to such customers. Such

1 rate schedules shall be designed to simultaneously decrease the gas corporation's base rates and  
2 increase its purchased gas adjustment rates by like amounts so as to reasonably ensure that the gas  
3 cost portion of the net write-offs applicable to such customers, as such portion is determined by  
4 the commission, is only being recovered once through the gas corporation's purchased gas  
5 adjustment rates. Increases and decreases in the gas cost portion of net write-offs shall thereafter  
6 be reflected in the gas corporation's purchased gas adjustment rates under tariff provisions  
7 approved by the commission provided, however, that such tariff provisions shall:

8 (1) Limit increases or decreases in the gas cost portion of net write-offs as reflected in  
9 purchased gas adjustment rates to once each year;

10 (2) Require a true-up of the gas cost portion of net write-offs as reflected in purchased gas  
11 adjustment rates once each year; and

12 (3) Require commission review of the gas cost portion of net write-offs as reflected in  
13 purchased gas adjustment rates once each year to insure that the gas corporation is prudently  
14 pursuing collection of amounts owed by its customers.”; and

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16 Further amend said bill, Page 16, Section 393.1445, Line 4 by inserting after all of said Section  
17 and Line the following:

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19 “660.122. Funds appropriated under the authority of sections 660.100 to 660.136 may be  
20 used to pay the expenses of reconnecting or maintaining service to households that have had their  
21 primary or secondary heating or cooling source disconnected or service discontinued because of  
22 their failure to pay their bill. Any qualified household or other household which has as its head a  
23 person who is elderly or disabled, as defined in section 660.100, shall be eligible for assistance  
24 under this section if the income for the household is no more than one hundred fifty percent of the  
25 current federal poverty level or sixty percent of the state median income and if moneys have been  
26 appropriated by the general assembly to the utilicare stabilization fund established pursuant to  
27 section 660.136. Payments under this section shall be made directly to the primary or secondary  
28 heating or cooling source supplier. Any primary or secondary heating or cooling source supplier  
29 subject to the supervision and regulation of the public service commission shall, at any time  
30 during the period of the cold weather rule specified in the cold weather rule as established and as  
31 amended by the public service commission, reconnect and provide services to each household  
32 eligible for assistance under this section in compliance with the terms of such cold weather rule,  
33 provided that such suppliers shall permit customers who have not yet been disconnected and who  
34 incurred an arrearage during the cold weather rule period to retain service by paying during each  
35 of the three months following the cold weather rule period an amount equal to one-third of the  
36 customer's arrearage, plus the customer's current bill. All home energy suppliers receiving funds

1 under this section shall provide service to eligible households consistent with their contractual  
2 agreements with the department of social services and sections 660.100 to 660.136.”; and  
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4 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
5 accordingly.  
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