

By Representative Argenziano

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a refund of excess utility
3 payments; requiring the Comptroller to provide
4 a refund to certain utility customers who paid
5 more under a uniform rate structure than those
6 customers would have paid under a modified
7 stand-alone rate structure; requiring the
8 Public Service Commission to notify utility
9 customers who are eligible for a refund;
10 providing requirements for applying for a
11 refund; requiring the Comptroller to verify
12 eligibility for a refund; providing for the
13 refund of utility payments to be funded from
14 the Public Service Commission Regulatory Trust
15 Fund; providing an appropriation; providing an
16 effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. (1) The Comptroller shall provide a refund
21 to utility customers in this state who paid more for water and
22 sewer services between September 15, 1993, and January 23,
23 1996, under the uniform rate structure imposed pursuant to
24 Order No. PSC-93-0423-FOF-WS of the Public Service Commission,
25 than the amount such customers would have paid under the
26 modified stand-alone rate structure approved on remand in
27 Docket No. 920199-WS of the Public Service Commission. The
28 refund amount for each eligible utility customer shall equal
29 the amount paid in excess of the modified stand-alone rate,
30 plus interest.

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1 (2) The Public Service Commission shall notify by mail
2 each utility customer who is eligible for a refund under this
3 section and who resides in the state. The notice must include
4 instructions for filing an application for the refund. An
5 eligible utility customer must file a refund application with
6 the Comptroller by July 1, 2000, or shall forfeit eligibility
7 for the refund. The Comptroller shall verify an applicant's
8 eligibility and shall mail the refund in a timely manner if
9 the applicant is found eligible. An amount of less than \$10
10 shall not be refunded.

11 (3) The amount necessary to fund the refund of utility
12 payments provided under this section is appropriated from the
13 Public Service Commission Regulatory Trust Fund.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Provides for utility customers who paid more for water
20 and sewer services under a uniform rate structure between
21 September 15, 1993, and January 23, 1996, than the amount
22 the customers would have paid under a modified
23 stand-alone rate structure to be eligible for a refund of
24 the excess amount. Provides for the Comptroller to issue
the refund. Requires that an eligible utility customer
25 apply for the refund before July 1, 2000, or forfeit
26 eligibility. Appropriates moneys from the Public Service
27 Commission Regulatory Trust Fund to pay the refunds.
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