

By Senator Bean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to procedures for petitions for  
3       utility rate relief; amending s. 366.06, F.S.;  
4       increasing the maximum annual sales, expressed in  
5       gigawatt hours, which natural gas or public electric  
6       utilities may have to be eligible to request that the  
7       Public Service Commission use certain procedures for  
8       the utility's petition for rate relief; making a  
9       technical change; providing an effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 366.06, Florida  
14       Statutes, is amended to read:

15       366.06 Rates; procedure for fixing and changing.—

16       (4) A natural gas utility or a public electric utility  
17       whose annual sales to end-use customers amount to less than  
18       1,000 ~~500~~ gigawatt hours may specifically request the commission  
19       to process its petition for rate relief using the agency's  
20       proposed agency action procedure, as prescribed by commission  
21       rule. The commission shall enter its vote on the proposed agency  
22       action within 5 months of the commencement date for final agency  
23       action. If the commission's proposed action is protested, the  
24       final decision must be rendered by the commission within 8  
25       months after ~~of~~ the date the protest is filed. At the expiration  
26       of 5 months following the commencement date for final agency  
27       action, if the commission has not taken action or if the  
28       commission's action is protested by a party other than the  
29       utility, the utility may place its requested rates into effect

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30 under bond, escrow, or corporate undertaking subject to refund,  
31 upon notice to the commission and upon filing the appropriate  
32 tariffs. The utility must keep accurate records of amounts  
33 received as provided by subsection (3).

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.