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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4514

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4514 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 9-226.5 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/9-226.5 new)

7 Sec. 9-226.5. General rate increase requests; public
8 hearings.

9 (a) For any general rate increase requested by a gas,
10 electric, water, or sewer public utility company under the
11 provisions of this Act, and upon request from any ratepayer
12 affected by the requested general rate increase or any group
13 with members affected by the requested general rate increase,
14 the Commission shall hold at least one in-person public
15 hearing during which members of the public can provide input
16 on the requested general rate increase.

1 (b) Any ratepayer affected by a requested general rate
2 increase or group with members affected by a requested general
3 rate increase may testify at the public hearing and may file
4 statements regarding the subject matter of the public hearing
5 with the person or persons conducting the public hearing. The
6 Commission shall give each member of the public a reasonable
7 amount of time to testify and be heard by the Commission at the
8 public hearing. Any person requesting to speak at the public
9 hearing shall be heard prior to the end of the public hearing.

10 (c) A public hearing under this Section shall be held in
11 the service territory of the gas, electric, water, or sewer
12 public utility company that requested the general rate
13 increase at a time and location to be determined by the
14 Commission. In determining the location of the public hearing,
15 the Commission shall comply with the following requirements:

16 (1) The public hearing shall be located in a city that
17 is within the service territory of the gas, electric,
18 water, or sewer public utility company and that has a high
19 population density for that service territory.

20 (2) The Commission shall consider the ability of
21 members of the public to attend the public hearing and the
22 ease of access, including the availability of public
23 transit, to the area where the public hearing will be
24 held.

25 (d) The Commission shall provide reasonable notice to
26 ratepayers affected by a requested general rate increase and

1 any groups with members affected by a requested general rate
2 increase regarding a public hearing under this Section. For
3 the purposes of this subsection (d), "reasonable notice" means
4 notice that is provided at least 30 calendar days before a
5 public hearing and that is given to the public and to each
6 customer of the applicable gas, electric, water, or sewer
7 public utility company.

8 (e) The gas, electric, water, or sewer public utility
9 company shall provide notice of a ratepayer's right to request
10 a public hearing, including a description of the ratepayer's
11 right, to all customers potentially affected by a requested
12 general rate increase in the first bill that is sent to each
13 applicable customer after the filing of the requested general
14 rate increase. The notice shall include clear instructions on
15 how to request a public hearing, including, but not limited
16 to, the Commission's phone number, the Commission's mailing
17 address, and a link to the website where an electronic request
18 may be submitted, along with the applicable docket number of
19 the filing. The Commission shall also provide a designated
20 space where the public may submit a request for a public
21 hearing on each docket's webpage."