



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4595

Introduced 2/3/2026, by Rep. Dave Vella

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that the Illinois Commerce Commission shall monitor the impact of each public utility in the State on overall consumer savings and on the electrical grid of the State. Requires the Commission to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly that summarizes the results of the Commission's efforts no later than one year after the effective date of the amendatory Act and annually thereafter. Provides that a utility shall cap residential rates for qualifying households at a set monthly maximum during a city, county, or State declaration of a winter weather emergency or an extreme heat warning that covers the area of the utility in which the qualifying household is located. Provides that each utility in the State shall file with the Commission prior to December 1 of each year a plan detailing the implementation of a residential rate cap. Provides that all plans are subject to review and approval by the Commission and that the Commission may direct a utility to modify its plan to comply with the requirements of the amendatory provisions. In provisions concerning Disconnection Protection Programs, provides that a customer who submits documentation that shows that the customer is enrolled in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), or Medicaid shall be granted protection under a utility's Disconnection Protection Program upon the receipt of the customer's documentation. Provides that, if the utility, upon reviewing the customer's documentation, determines that the documentation does not provide sufficient proof that the customer is enrolled in LIHEAP, PIPP, or Medicaid, the utility may remove the customer from the utility's Disconnection Protection Program. Provides that an electric utility that offers at least one market-based rate option, including, but not limited to, net electricity metering, for retail customers who choose to take power and energy supply service from the utility shall limit peak hour rates under the market-based rate option to no more than 150% of the rate that the customer would otherwise pay if the customer was not using the market-based rate option. Makes other changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 8-206.5 and by adding Sections 4-616, 8-205.5, and
6 16-107.10 as follows:

7 (220 ILCS 5/4-616 new)

8 Sec. 4-616. Commission reporting.

9 (a) The Commission shall monitor the impact of each public
10 utility in this State on overall consumer savings and on the
11 electrical grid of this State.

12 (b) The Commission shall submit an annual report to the
13 Governor, the Attorney General, and the General Assembly that
14 summarizes the results of the Commission's efforts under
15 subsection (a) no later than one year after the effective date
16 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly and
17 annually thereafter.

18 (220 ILCS 5/8-205.5 new)

19 Sec. 8-205.5. Bill cap for extreme weather conditions.

20 (a) A utility shall cap residential rates for qualifying
21 households at a set monthly maximum during a city, county, or
22 State declaration of a winter weather emergency or an extreme

1 heat warning that covers the area of the utility in which the
2 qualifying household is located.

3 For the purpose of this subsection (a), "qualifying
4 household" means a household where:

5 (i) a person using the household as that person's
6 principal place of residence is 65 years of age or older;

7 (ii) a person using the household as that person's
8 principal place of residence qualifies as a person with a
9 disability, as defined under the federal Supplemental
10 Security Income program, and is medically fragile and
11 technology dependent; or

12 (iii) the household meets the definition of
13 "low-income household" under the Illinois Affordable
14 Housing Act.

15 (b) Each utility in this State shall file with the
16 Commission prior to December 1 of each year a plan detailing
17 the implementation of this Section. All plans are subject to
18 review and approval by the Commission. The Commission may
19 direct a utility to modify its plan to comply with the
20 requirements of this Section.

21 (c) A utility that has a plan on file with the Commission
22 shall not be required to resubmit a new plan each year.
23 However, any alteration of the plan on file must be submitted
24 to and approved by the Commission prior to December 1 of that
25 year.

1 (220 ILCS 5/8-206.5)

2 Sec. 8-206.5. Disconnection Protection Program.

3 (a) No later than June 1, 2025, each electric and gas
4 utility serving more than 500,000 customers in this State
5 shall implement a Disconnection Protection Program, whereby
6 customers who have applied for assistance through the Low
7 Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Percentage
8 of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) shall be temporarily protected
9 from disconnection for 30 days after the utility receives
10 notice from a local administrative agency that the customer
11 has submitted an application to LIHEAP or PIPP and, in cases
12 where LIHEAP or PIPP assistance is received, for another 45
13 days after receiving the notice. Any customer who applies for,
14 but does not receive, LIHEAP or PIPP assistance shall, by
15 operation of this Section, only be temporarily protected from
16 disconnection once in any program year.

17 (b) Each electric and gas utility may recover costs for
18 implementation, administration, and ongoing operation of its
19 Disconnection Protection Program through the utility's revenue
20 requirement, subject to a review for prudence and
21 reasonableness by the Commission.

22 (c) A customer who submits to an electric or gas utility
23 documentation that shows that the customer is enrolled in the
24 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the
25 Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), or a medical
26 assistance program established under Article V of the Illinois

1 Public Aid Code shall be granted protection under the
2 utility's Disconnection Protection Program upon the receipt of
3 the customer's documentation by the utility. If the utility,
4 upon reviewing the customer's documentation, determines that
5 the documentation does not provide sufficient proof that the
6 customer is enrolled in LIHEAP, PIPP, or a medical assistance
7 program established under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid
8 Code, the utility may remove the customer from the utility's
9 Disconnection Protection Program. A utility shall provide
10 notice to a customer when the customer is granted protection
11 under a Disconnection Protection Program pursuant to this
12 subsection (c) and when the customer has been removed from the
13 utility's Disconnection Protection Program.

14 (Source: P.A. 103-661, eff. 1-1-25.)

15 (220 ILCS 5/16-107.10 new)

16 Sec. 16-107.10. Market-based rate option cap. An electric
17 utility that offers at least one market-based rate option,
18 including, but not limited to, net electricity metering under
19 the terms of Section 16-107.5, for retail customers who choose
20 to take power and energy supply service from the utility shall
21 limit peak hour rates under the market-based rate option to no
22 more than 150% of the rate that the customer would otherwise
23 pay if the customer was not using the market-based rate
24 option.

1 INDEX

2 Statutes amended in order of appearance

3 220 ILCS 5/4-616 new

4 220 ILCS 5/8-205.5 new

5 220 ILCS 5/8-206.5

6 220 ILCS 5/16-107.10 new