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   Section 16-101 as follows:

6   (220 ILCS 5/16-101)

7   Sec. 16-101. Short title and applicability.

8   (a) This Article may be cited as the ~~the~~ Electric Service

9   Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997 and shall apply to

10   electric utilities and alternative retail electric suppliers

11   as defined in this Article. Except to the extent modified or

12   supplemented by the provisions of this Article, or where the

13   context clearly renders such provisions inapplicable, the

14   other Articles of the Public Utilities Act pertaining to public

15   utilities, public utility rates and services and the regulation

16   thereof, are fully and equally applicable to the tariffed

17   services electric utilities provide.

18   (b) The provisions of subsections (a) through (h) of

19   Section 16-111 of this Act shall not be applicable to any

20   electric utility which elects to file biennial rate proceedings

21   before the Commission in the years 1998, 2000 and 2002. An

22   electric utility electing this option shall do so by filing a

23   notice of such election with the Commission within 60 days

24   after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997, or its

25   right to make such election shall be irrevocably waived. An

26   electric utility electing the option specified in this

27   paragraph shall file its rate proceeding with the Commission no

28   later than August 1 of the years 1998, 2000, and 2002. The

29   electric utility's filing shall comply with all requirements of

30   83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts 255 and 285 as though the

31   electric utility were filing for an increase in its rates,

32   without regard to whether such filing would produce an

1   increase, a decrease or no change in the electric utility's
2   rates and the Commission shall review the electric utility's
3   filing and shall issue its order in accordance with the
4   provisions of Section 9-201 of this Act.
5   (Source: P.A. 90-561, eff. 12-16-97.)