

AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding Section 16-111.8 as follows:

(220 ILCS 5/16-111.8 new)

Sec. 16-111.8. Rate relief; electricity suppliers. On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, any electric utility providing rate relief pursuant to Section 16-111.5A of this Act shall not deem any residential or non-residential customer to be ineligible to receive that relief solely based upon that customer's purchase of electricity from a supplier other than that electric utility at the time the rate relief is to be credited to that customer. Nothing in this Section shall entitle customers of an electric utility that had been previously deemed ineligible prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly to become eligible for rate relief credits.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.