

2014 Bill 201

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

BILL 201

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES (TRANSPARENCY IN BILLING)
AMENDMENT ACT, 2014**

MR. ANGLIN

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2014)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends SA 2003 cE-5.1

1 The *Electric Utilities Act* is amended by this Act.

2 The following is added after section 149:

Report on transparency in billing

149.1(1) Within 6 months from the day this section comes into force, the Commission shall provide a report to the Minister that contains recommendations to improve transparency in the billing of customers and the format of bills sent to customers.

(2) The report of the Commission shall include

- (a) a proposed standardized bill for customers that lists all fixed and variable costs, and
- (b) proposed amendments to this Act and any related enactment, including the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, Alta. Reg. AR 262/2005, which shall include the replacement of the term “regulated rate” with “variable market rate”.

(3) Upon receiving the report under subsection (1), the Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1** Amends chapter E-5.1 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2003
- 2** Adds new section concerning report on transparency in billing.

(4) Within 6 months from the day the Minister is provided with the report of the Commission under subsection (1), unless otherwise directed by resolution of the Legislative Assembly,

- (a) the Minister shall implement the recommendations of the Commission or take steps necessary to implement those recommendations, including the introduction of amendments in the Legislative Assembly, and
- (b) the Commission shall implement the standardized bill proposed in its report.

