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A Bill

SENATE BILL 136

5 By: Senator Irvin
6 By: Representative Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY GAS RATES TO DETERMINE THE LOWEST OR
10 MOST ADVANTAGEOUS MARKET FOR PIPELINE COMPANIES; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO MODIFY GAS RATES TO DETERMINE THE
16 LOWEST OR MOST ADVANTAGEOUS MARKET FOR
17 PIPELINE COMPANIES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-15-103 is amended to read as follows:
23 23-15-103. Gas rates.

24 ~~(a)(1) All gas lines or companies~~ A gas line or company operating
25 ~~within the~~ in this state ~~who render~~ that renders a domestic or general
26 service to the public in the furnishing and sale of gas ~~are~~ is required to
27 buy or furnish from the lowest or most advantageous market.

28 (2) Failure to ~~de-se~~ comply with subdivision (a)(1) of this
29 section shall deprive ~~them~~ a gas line or company of the difference in price
30 between the market price and the price at which the purchase is made.

31 (3) In determining the lowest or most advantageous market as
32 described in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the Arkansas Public Service
33 Commission may take into consideration various factors, including without
34 limitation:

35 (A) Price;

36 (B) Methodology of production;



- 1 (C) Reliability of supply;
- 2 (D) Impact on customer choice; and
- 3 (E) Conditions associated with transportation or storage.

4 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the commission may
5 allow a gas line or company reasonable purchases of natural gas or natural
6 gas alternatives, including without limitation renewable natural gas and
7 hydrogen, as an operating expense if the purchase of natural gas or natural
8 gas alternatives is in the public interest.

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