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For An Act To Be Entitled

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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

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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 generally

27   required to buy or furnish from the lowest or most advantageous market.

28   (2) Failure to ~~do so~~ 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 that could affect the

34   market, including without 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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