

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 136

By: Senator Irvin
By: Representative Pilkington

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO MODIFY GAS RATES TO DETERMINE THE LOWEST OR MOST ADVANTAGEOUS MARKET FOR PIPELINE COMPANIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-15-103 is amended to read as follows:
23-15-103. Gas rates.

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

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

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

(A) Price;

(B) Methodology of production;



(C) Reliability of supply;

(D) Impact on customer choice; and

(E) Conditions associated with transportation or storage.

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

/s/Irvin

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