

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 364

BY SENATOR BARROW

UTILITIES. Provides relative to utilities. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:302(A) and 1163(A)(1) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Public Service Commission; to provide relative to public utility regulations; to provide for the review, evaluation, and regulation of fair and equitable utility rates; to public utility regulations; to prove for rate review standards; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 45:302(A) and 1163(A)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§302. Powers of the commission; scope

A. The commission shall supervise, govern, regulate and control the transportation or sale of natural gas moving by pipeline to local distributing systems for resale for the purpose of fixing and regulating ~~the~~ **fair and equitable** rates charged and the service furnished by such public utilities in connection with such transportation or sale.

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§1163. Power to regulate rates and service; exceptions

1 A.(1) The commission shall exercise all necessary power and authority over
 2 any street railway, gas, electric light, heat, power, waterworks, or other local public
 3 utility for the purpose of fixing and regulating **the fair and equitable** rates charged
 4 or to be charged by and service furnished by such public utilities.

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6 C. To ensure that costs passed through to consumers are ~~just and reasonable~~
 7 **fair and equitable**, the commission shall, no less frequently than every other year,
 8 audit the adjustment clause filings submitted by a public electric utility in this state,
 9 exercise its authorized review and determination of such filings, and exercise its
 10 control and rate-fixing authority to modify fuel adjustment charges of an electric
 11 utility as assessed by an electric utility to rate-paying consumers through operation
 12 of the utility's fuel adjustment clause.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the Louisiana Public Service Commission to supervise, govern, regulate, and control the transportation or sale of natural gas moving through pipeline to local distributing systems for resale for the purposes of fixing and regulating the rates charged and the service furnished by such public utilities.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the commission to review and evaluate rates and to fix and regulate fair and equitable rates charged for public utilities.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 45:302(A) and 1163(A)(1) and (C))