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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Abramson to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 47 by Senator Morrell

1	AMENDMENT NO. 1
2	In House Floor Amendment No. 6 proposed by Representative Brossett and adopted by the
3	House on May 30, 2013, on page 2, after line 47, insert the following:
4	"D. In addition to the requirements of Subsections A, B, and C
5	of this Section, the board shall report quarterly, in September,
	December, March, and June, to the city council on the matters provided
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7	for in this Subsection. Such report shall include the following:
8	(1) Progress made by the board with respect to customer service
9	improvements as follows:
10	(a) Citywide installation of electronic meters.
11	(b) Establishment of at least one additional customer service center.
12	(c) Creation of online account management for customers.
13	(d) Creation of work order tracking.
14	(e) Improved efficiency and reliability.
15	(2) Progress made by the board with respect to the Enhanced Service
16	Assurance program as follows:
17	(a) Providing additional funding for bill payment assistance through the
18	Water Help program.
19	(b) Expanding the Water Help program to provide assistance with
20	plumbing repairs.
21 22 23 24 25	(c) Pursuing legislative changes to allow adjustments for water lost
22 2 2	through customer leaks.
23 24	(d) Evaluating waiver of service charges based on means testing for
24 25	qualifying low-income elderly and disabled customers.
25 26	(e) Evaluating the reduction of the late payment fee.
26	(3) Progress made by the board with respect to operational reforms as
27	follows:
28	(a) Improving operations through performance measures, improved
29 30	framework, and follow-up reviews to reduce future rate increases.
	(b) Reducing the amount of free water provided to municipal accounts.
31	(c) Improving coordination between the board and the Department of
32	Public Works. (d) Improving retenever collections
33	(d) Improving ratepayer collections.
34 35	(e) Developing a long-term staff succession and training program.(f) Performing annual water audits to measure progress and critical
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	needs. (g) Enhancing long range planning by developing a facilities plan for
37	2015-2035.
38 39	(h) Developing new sources of funding other than water and sewer rate
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	increases. (4) Progress made by the board with respect to capital improvements
41 42	(4) Progress made by the board with respect to capital improvements
42 43	funded by the rate increase including but not limited to:
43 44	(a) Replacement and rehabilitation of water purification plant facilities.
44 45	(b) Replacement and rehabilitation of water pumping facilities.
45	(c) Replacement of water system transmission and distribution mains.

1	(d) Replacement and rehabilitation of sewer system collection pipes
2	required by federal consent decree.
3	(5) Progress made by the board with respect to creating economic
1	opportunities consistent with the city's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
5	program and local participation polices."