

Authorizes the Public Service Commission, notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, or order to the contrary, on or after January 1, 2013, to require that, whenever a political subdivision imposes a franchise fee upon a public utility which the utility collects or recovers from the utility's consumers, the utility's monthly billing statement shall specifically and clearly include a separate line item for the applicable franchise fee, with the name of the parish imposing the fee, the total amount or rate of the franchise fee, and the total amount of the billing attributable to the fee.

Requests the commission to study requiring public utilities to include such a line item, including holding public hearings as deemed necessary and to report its findings to the legislature on or before February 1, 2013.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 12, 2012).

(Amends R.S. 33:4401; adds R.S. 33:4361(C) and R.S. 45:853)