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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 386, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to low-income utility customers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 386, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 386.376, to read as follows:

386.376. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or any law to the contrary, the public service commission may approve upon the terms and conditions in an application, tariff, or settlement agreement proposed or recommended by an electric or gas corporation, programs for assisting low-income residential ratepayers in obtaining or maintaining access to reliable, continuous utility service to such low-income utility customers. The commission may also approve energy efficiency, weatherization, and evaluation components as part of such programs. All programs, tariffs, agreements, or rule provisions that provide for such assistance shall include terms for adjusting rate as necessary to ensure that the program, tariff, agreement, or rule provision will not have any negative financial impact on the electric or gas corporation. Nothing in this section shall be construed as diminishing the commission's existing authority to approve on an experimental basis low-income assistance programs proposed by an electric or gas corporation.