
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 144—ASSEMBLYMEN GOICOECHEA, GRADY,
CARPENTER, MARVEL, GOEDHART AND SETTELMAYER

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RHOADS, AMODEI AND MCGINNESS

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Establishes a formula for determining the maximum rate for interruptible service that a public utility may charge for electricity for irrigation pumps. (BDR 58-1017)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to electricity; establishing a formula for determining the maximum rate for interruptible service that a public utility may charge for electricity for irrigation pumps; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Under existing law, a public utility which furnishes electricity for irrigation
 - 2 pumps may not charge a rate for interruptible service that exceeds the lowest charge
 - 3 per kilowatt-hour offered by the public utility under any of its rate schedules for its
 - 4 customers in this State. (NRS 704.225) This bill establishes a formula for
 - 5 determining the maximum rate for interruptible service that a public utility may
 - 6 charge for the service.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 704.225 is hereby amended to read as follows:
704.225 **1.** The Commission shall by regulation require each public utility which furnishes electricity to provide lower rates for electricity for irrigation pumps under a schedule which:

~~1.1~~ (a) Will be applied:

~~1.1(a)~~ (1) From March 1 to October 31, inclusive; and

~~1.1(b)~~ (2) If the customer concedes to the utility a right to interrupt services to the customer's irrigation pumps under conditions established by the utility and approved by the Commission.

~~1.2~~ (b) Provides for a *maximum* rate for interruptible service per kilowatt-hour of electricity used. The rate must ~~not exceed~~ *be determined by dividing the sum of* the lowest charge per kilowatt-hour offered by ~~the~~ *each* public utility *and each cooperative association* under any of its rate schedules applicable to its residential, commercial or industrial customers *or members* in Nevada ~~by the total number of public utilities and cooperative associations which furnish electricity in this State.~~ No charges may be included for minimum billings or costs relating to standby, customers or demand. *A public utility or cooperative association shall provide such information as is necessary for the Commission to determine the maximum rate for interruptible service pursuant to this section.*

2. As used in this section:

(a) *"Cooperative association" means a cooperative association, nonprofit cooperation or association or any other provider of services described in this chapter that supplies those services for the use of its members; and*

(b) *"Public utility" includes a municipal utility as defined in NRS 702.060.*

