

Assembly Bill No. 144—Assemblymen Goicoechea, Grady,
Carpenter, Marvel, Goedhart and Settlemeyer

Joint Sponsors: Senators Rhoads, Amodei and McGinness

CHAPTER.....

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:

Under existing law, a public utility which furnishes electricity for irrigation pumps may not charge a rate for interruptible service that exceeds the lowest charge per kilowatt-hour offered by the public utility under any of its rate schedules for its customers in this State. (NRS 704.225) This bill establishes a formula for determining the maximum rate for interruptible service that a public utility may charge for the service.

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

~~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.*

