99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/16-103

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that any residential or small commercial retail customer of an electric utility that on December 31, 2005 provided electric service to at least 2,000,000 customers in Illinois that has returned to that electric utility's bundled utility tariffed service offering may elect delivery services of electric power and energy supply service from an alternative retail electric supplier after at least 6 continuous monthly billing periods of electric power and supply service from that utility; however, the residential or small commercial retail customer shall not be permitted to return to the same alternative retail electric supplier within 2 billing cycles after the customer than in situations where the return was in error, inadvertent, or the result of any other unintended operational consequence. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning utilities.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
Section 16-103 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/16-103)

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Sec. 16-103. Service obligations of electric utilities.

(a) An electric utility shall continue offering to retail 8 9 customers each tariffed service that it offered as a distinct and identifiable service on the effective date of this 10 amendatory Act of 1997 until the service is (i) declared 11 competitive pursuant to Section 16-113, or (ii) abandoned 12 pursuant to Section 8-508. Nothing in this subsection shall be 13 14 construed as limiting an electric utility's right to propose, Commission's power to approve, allow or order 15 the or 16 modifications in the rates, terms and conditions for such 17 services pursuant to Article IX or Section 16-111 of this Act.

(b) An electric utility shall also offer, as tariffed services, delivery services in accordance with this Article, the power purchase options described in Section 16-110 and real-time pricing as provided in Section 16-107.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
each electric utility shall continue offering to all

residential customers and to all small commercial retail 1 2 customers in its service area, as a tariffed service, bundled electric power and energy delivered to the customer's premises 3 consistent with the bundled utility service provided by the 4 5 electric utility on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997. Upon declaration of the provision of electric power 6 and energy as competitive, the electric utility shall continue 7 8 to offer to such customers, as a tariffed service, bundled 9 service options at rates which reflect recovery of all cost 10 components for providing the service. For those components of 11 the service which have been declared competitive, cost shall be 12 the market based prices. Market based prices as referred to herein shall mean, for electric power and energy, either (i) 13 14 those prices for electric power and energy determined as provided in Section 16-112, or (ii) the electric utility's cost 15 16 of obtaining the electric power and energy at wholesale through 17 competitive bidding or other arms-length acquisition а 18 process.

(d) Any residential or small commercial retail customer 19 20 which elects delivery services is entitled to return to the electric utility's bundled utility tariffed service offering 21 22 provided in accordance with subsection (c) of this Section upon 23 payment of a reasonable administrative fee which shall be set forth in the tariff. If the residential or small commercial 24 25 customer has not elected delivery services within 2 billing cycles after returning to the electric utility's bundled 26

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utility tariffed service offering, then the electric utility 1 2 shall be entitled to impose the condition that such customer may not elect delivery services for up to 12 months after the 3 4 date on which the customer returned to bundled utility tariffed 5 service, provided, however, that the customer shall not be 6 permitted to return to the same alternative retail electric supplier within 2 billing cycles after the customer returned to 7 8 bundled utility tariffed service other than in situations where 9 the return was in error, inadvertent, or the result of any 10 other unintended operational consequence.

11 Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (d), any 12 residential or small commercial retail customer of an electric 13 utility that on December 31, 2005 provided electric service to at least 2,000,000 customers in Illinois that has returned to 14 that electric utility's bundled utility tariffed service 15 offering provided in accordance with subsection (c) of this 16 17 Section may elect delivery services of electric power and energy supply service from an alternative retail electric 18 19 supplier after at least 6 continuous monthly billing periods of 20 electric power and supply service from that utility; however, the residential or small commercial retail customer shall not 21 22 be permitted to return to the same alternative retail electric 23 supplier within 2 billing cycles after the customer returned to 24 that electric utility's bundled utility tariffed service other 25 than in situations where the return was in error, inadvertent, or the result of any other unintended operational consequence. 26

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1 (e) The Commission shall not require an electric utility to 2 offer any tariffed service other than the services required by 3 this Section, and shall not require an electric utility to 4 offer any competitive service.

5 (Source: P.A. 97-497, eff. 8-22-11.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon7 becoming law.