

HB2172



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/8-512 new

Amends the Service Obligations and Conditions Article of the Public Utilities Act. Requires a natural gas public utility serving more than 35,000 customers to submit with its annual filing certain information concerning existing and newly installed pipeline facilities to the Illinois Commerce Commission. Requires the Commission to submit a report containing the information and evaluating the safety and reliability of the natural gas distribution system in Illinois to the General Assembly. Requires the reports to be made available to the public on the Commission's website.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 8-512 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/8-512 new)

7 Sec. 8-512. Natural gas facility reporting.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that the safety and
9 reliability of the natural gas distribution system in Illinois
10 is important to the health and welfare of the citizenry of this
11 State. National and local events have demonstrated the
12 importance of regular maintenance and replacement of gas
13 pipeline and related facilities. In order to preserve the
14 health and welfare of citizens and avoid the burden of large
15 financial expenditures to remedy delayed pipeline replacement,
16 the General Assembly finds that each natural gas utility
17 subject to this Section shall be required to annually report to
18 the Commission its existing and newly installed pipeline
19 facilities in order to allow the Commission to monitor and
20 address as necessary natural gas utilities' pipeline
21 replacement programs.

22 (b) Each natural gas public utility serving more than
23 35,000 customers shall submit to the Commission with its annual

1 Form 21 ILCC filing the following additional information for a
2 pipeline owned and operated by the utility as of December 31 of
3 the preceding calendar year:

4 (1) the length in feet categorized by year of
5 installation;

6 (2) the length in feet categorized by diameter size and
7 material composed of;

8 (3) the length in feet categorized by scheduled
9 replacement year, if any;

10 (4) the length in feet installed during the preceding
11 calendar year for the purpose of replacing existing
12 pipeline and under a tariff authorized by Section 9-220.3
13 categorized by diameter size and material composed of;

14 (5) the length in feet installed during the preceding
15 calendar year for the purpose of replacing existing
16 pipeline and not under a tariff authorized by Section
17 9-220.3 categorized by diameter size and material composed
18 of;

19 (6) the length in feet installed during the preceding
20 calendar year not for the purpose of replacing existing
21 pipeline categorized by diameter size and material
22 composed of;

23 (7) the cost incurred and associated number of meters,
24 by individual project, for the construction activities
25 described in paragraphs (4), (5), and (6); and

26 (8) for the construction activities described in

1 paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), a brief description of the
2 reason for the activities.

3 (c) No later than October 1 of each year, the Commission
4 shall submit to the General Assembly a report containing the
5 information set forth in subsection (b) and evaluating the
6 safety and reliability of the natural gas distribution system
7 in Illinois. The Commission report shall address the
8 sufficiency of utility plans for replacing obsolete pipeline
9 and maintaining the safety and reliability of their respective
10 gas distribution systems.

11 (d) The annual reports submitted to the Commission by the
12 natural gas utilities and the report submitted by the
13 Commission to the General Assembly shall be made available to
14 the public on the Commission's website. The first reports of
15 the additional information required under subsection (b) shall
16 be for 2018 and submitted to the Commission in 2019.

17 (e) If the Commission deems it necessary, it may adopt
18 rules to facilitate implementation of the reporting
19 requirements contained in this Section. The Commission may
20 require additional information from the gas utilities subject
21 to this Section if necessary to provide the report to the
22 General Assembly required under subsection (c).