

## HOUSE BILL No. 2156

By Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

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1 AN ACT concerning public utilities; relating to the state corporation  
2 commission; authorizing public utilities to establish rates to benefit  
3 low-income residential customers.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) In a general rate proceeding pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117,  
7 and amendments thereto, whenever a public utility proposes rates, terms or  
8 charges for the benefit of low-income residential customers, the state  
9 corporation commission may approve such rates, terms or charges if the  
10 commission finds that such rates, terms or charges are just and reasonable.  
11 Any such rates, terms or charges may be established below the cost of  
12 service if such rates, terms and charges are not unjust or unreasonably  
13 discriminatory or unduly preferential.

14 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 66-101b, 66-1,202 and  
15 66-1,232, and amendments thereto, any proposed or effective rates, terms  
16 or charges for the benefit of low-income residential customers shall not be  
17 deemed to be unjust, unreasonably discriminatory, unduly preferential or  
18 otherwise in violation of the laws of this state solely because such rates,  
19 terms or charges result in increased rates or charges for other residential  
20 customers.

21 (c) This section shall not impose a duty on a public utility to propose,  
22 file, establish or maintain the rates, terms or charges authorized pursuant to  
23 this section.

24 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25 publication in the statute book.