Page 4, line 1, after "(2)" insert "(a)".

## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

	April 7, 2025
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Committee o	n <u>Finance</u> .
After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:	
<u>HB25-1268</u>	be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on <u>Appropriations</u> with favorable recommendation:
Amend the Energy and Environment Committee Report, dated March 20, 2025, page 1, after line 13 insert:	
"(a) BECAUSE THE DEMAND;".	UTILITIES BENEFIT FROM UTILITY ON-BILL PROGRAMS E PROGRAMS CAN REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND PEAK
Reletter succ	eeding paragraphs accordingly.
Page 2, strike lines 38 and 39 and substitute:	
"(b) Upgrade other electrical equipment that enables the installation of energy storage, including installation of a subpanel, critical load panel, backup switch, gateway, or other equipment; or".	
Page 3, lines AND".	8 and 9, strike "ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE UTILITY METER
PROGRAM, UTILITY-DESIGNATION THE ADMINISTERS PROGRAM AND ADMINISTERS PROGRAM ADMINISTERS PROGRAM AND A	e lines 12 through 14 and substitute "MONEY THROUGH THE EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY ELECTING TO HAVE ITS GNATED ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVE MONEY; THROUGH A LOAN OFFICE; OR THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A PROGRAMED BY THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR IN WHICH THE DMINISTRATOR RECEIVES MONEY FROM THE OFFICE TO TILITY ON-BILL PROGRAM FOR THE UTILITY.".

- 1 Page 4, strike lines 2 and 3 and substitute "PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR THE
- 2 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, MONEY PROVIDED TO THE UTILITY OR ITS
- 3 UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR".
- 4 Page 4, after line 8 insert:
- 5 "(b) IN AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS
- 6 SUBSECTION (2), THE AGREEMENT MUST INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS THAT,
- 7 NO LATER THAN THREE YEARS AFTER MONEY IS LOANED TO THE
- 8 PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, THE
- 9 PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BEGIN
- 10 MAKING ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE
- 11 AMOUNT LOANED AT THE INTEREST RATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2)(c)
- 12 OF THIS SECTION, WHICH MONEY THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT
- 13 DIRECTLY TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND. AN AGREEMENT
- 14 ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) MUST REQUIRE THAT
- 15 THE LOAN IS AMORTIZED OVER A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY YEARS.
- 16 (c) A LOAN MADE TO A PARTICIPATING UTILITY FROM THE ON-BILL
- 17 CASH FUND MUST INCLUDE AN INTEREST RATE OF ONE PERCENT, AND
- 18 INTEREST PAYMENTS MUST BE CREDITED TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
- 19 TRUST FUND.".
- Page 4, line 17, strike "PARTICIPANTS." and substitute "PARTICIPANTS AND
- 21 NONPARTICIPANTS.".
- Page 4, strike lines 35 through 38 and substitute "RECOVER PROGRAM"
- 23 ADMINISTRATION COSTS; AND".
- 24 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 25 Page 4, strike lines 41 through 43.
- Page 5, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute "SUBJECT TO A UTILITY'S
- 27 ON-BILL PROGRAM, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT A PROPERTY OWNER
- 28 THAT IS A".
- 29 Page 5, line 10, strike "OBLIGATION." and substitute "OBLIGATION, PRIOR
- 30 TO THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE.".
- Page 5, after line 10 insert:
- 32 "(c) FOR CONTRACTS WITH A REGULATED UTILITY OR THE
- 33 REGULATED UTILITY'S UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR, THE FINAL

- CONTRACT MUST CONFORM WITH ANY FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION.
  - (d) A PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR ITS UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAYING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING PROVIDED FROM THE ON-BILL CASH FUND TO THE UTILITY OR ITS UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR.
  - (e) IN DEVELOPING GUIDANCE ON PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3), THE OFFICE SHALL CREATE AS MUCH STANDARDIZATION AS POSSIBLE AMONG NEWLY PROPOSED AND ALREADY EXISTING TARIFFED ON-BILL PROGRAMS, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON EASING THE BURDEN OF PARTICIPATION BY CONTRACTORS WORKING ACROSS MULTIPLE UTILITY TERRITORIES.
- 13 (4) When contracting with a participating utility or 14 program administrator regarding an on-bill program 15 established after July 1, 2025, the office shall structure the 16 contract as a tariffed on-bill program.".
- 17 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.
- Page 5, line 38, strike "MINIMIZE" and substitute "MANAGE".
- 19 Page 5, line 43, strike "UTILITY," and substitute "UTILITY OR ITS
- 20 UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR,".
- 21 Page 6, line 22, strike "(5)(a)" and substitute "(6)(a)".
- Page 7, line 2, strike "POSSIBLE" and substitute "REASONABLE".
- Page 7, line 20, strike "RATES POSSIBLE" and substitute "REASONABLE
- 24 RATES".

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- 25 Page 7, strike lines 25 through 43.
- 26 Strike page 8.
- 27 Page 9, strike lines 1 through 14 and substitute "required utility's
- obligation program administrator's obligation. (1) THE OFFICE
- 29 SHALL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT IN ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH
- 30 A PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR REGARDING THE
- 31 USE OF MONEY FROM THE ON-BILL CASH FUND THAT THE UTILITY OR
- 32 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR THAT RECEIVES FINANCING FROM THE ON-BILL
- 33 CASH FUND SHALL EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH A UTILITY-DESIGNATED
- 34 ADMINISTRATOR RECORD A NOTICE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND

RECORDER FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S PROPERTY IS LOCATED AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY TITLE AS FOLLOWS:

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- (a) WHERE THE FINANCING IS ATTACHED TO THE METER, THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE PROVISION OF FINANCING TO A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT, SHALL RECORD A NOTICE OF THE ON-BILL REPAYMENT OBLIGATION, WHICH NOTICE MUST INCLUDE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE FINANCING THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE METER, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE UTILITY CUSTOMER, THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT FINANCED, AND THE TERMS OF REPAYMENT. THE OFFICE SHALL ALSO ESTABLISH A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE FINANCING HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REPAID, SHALL FILE A NOTICE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FOR INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED INDICATING THAT THE FINANCING REPAYMENT IS COMPLETE AND THAT THERE ARE NO FURTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.
- (b) WHERE THE FINANCING IS A LOAN TO THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE PROVISION OF FINANCING TO A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT, SHALL RECORD A LIEN THAT MUST INCLUDE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LOAN IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED. THE LIEN DOES NOT ESTABLISH A RIGHT TO FORECLOSE ON THE PROPERTY. THERE SHALL BE A REOUIREMENT THAT THE LOAN BE PAID OFF AT THE POINT OF SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LOAN. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE LOAN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REPAID, THE PARTICIPATING UTILITY OR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL FILE TO REMOVE THE LIEN. THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) DOES NOT APPLY IF A LOAN IS STRUCTURED AS AN UNSECURED LOAN TO AN INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMER, WHICH UNSECURED LOAN CREATES NO RECOURSE AGAINST THE PROPERTY, SUBSEQUENT PROPERTY OWNERS, OR A FUTURE UTILITY CUSTOMER LOCATED AT THE PROPERTY.
- (2) AT THE POINT OF SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A LOAN, IF THE PROPERTY VALUE IS LESS THAN THE REMAINING REPAYMENT OBLIGATION ON THE LOAN, THERE MAY BE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE LOAN BE PAID OFF AT THAT TIME.
- (3) A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL RECORD A NOTICE FILED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IN A MANNER THAT WILL APPEAR IN A TITLE SEARCH OF THE PROPERTY.".

- 1 Page 10, strike lines 11 through 28.
- 2 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 3 Page 11, strike lines 7 and 8 and substitute "UTILITY'S USE OF THE
- 4 FUNDING WOULD NOT BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.
- 5 (III) IF THE UTILITY PROPOSES TO USE FUNDING FROM THE ON-BILL
- 6 CASH FUND, THE UTILITY MAY PROPOSE TO USE THE FUNDING BY
- 7 RECEIVING FUNDING DIRECTLY FROM THE OFFICE, ELECTING TO HAVE A
- 8 UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE
- 9 OFFICE, OR BY PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE
- 10 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR.".
- 11 Page 11, after line 18 insert:
- 12 "(III) DESCRIBE HOW THE UTILITY PROPOSES TO TREAT SITUATIONS
- 13 INVOLVING INSUFFICIENT REPAYMENT BY PARTICIPATING CUSTOMERS;".
- 14 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.
- Page 11, line 21, strike "WILL" and substitute "MAY".
- Page 11, strike lines 29 through 35 and substitute:
- 17 "(3) A UTILITY WITH MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
- 18 CUSTOMERS IN THE STATE MAY RECOVER ALL ON-BILL PROGRAM COSTS IN
- 19 ACCORDANCE WITH PART 6 OF ARTICLE 38.5 OF TITLE 24. A UTILITY SHALL
- 20 RECOVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS THROUGH BASE RATES OR AN
- 21 APPLICABLE RIDER BUT NOT THROUGH THE INTEREST RATE ESTABLISHED
- 22 FOR MONEY MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ON-BILL PROGRAM. A
- 23 UTILITY SHALL RECOVER ITS ACTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED
- 24 WITH ITS ON-BILL PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION. A UTILITY
- 25 MAY RECOVER AN ON-BILL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FEE, AS DEFINED
- 26 IN SECTION 24-38.5-123 (2)(p), AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MANAGING
- 27 THE RISK OF NONPAYMENT BY PARTICIPANTS THROUGH BASE RATES, AN
- 28 APPLICABLE RIDER, OR THE RATE ESTABLISHED FOR MONEY MADE
- 29 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ON-BILL PROGRAM, AS APPROVED BY THE
- 30 COMMISSION. A UTILITY MAY PROPOSE OR MAY MAINTAIN A".
- Page 11, line 39, strike "APRIL" and substitute "JUNE".
- 32 Page 12, line 17, strike "(3.3)" and substitute "(1)(e) and (3.3)".

- 1 Page 12, line 19, after "rules -" insert "reports -".
- 2 Page 12, after line 25 insert:
- 3 "(e) IF CLAIMS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 13 EXCEED THE
- 4 BALANCE IN THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND, THE EXCESS
- 5 AMOUNT SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND.".
- 6 Page 12, strike lines 26 through 35 and substitute:
- 7 "(3.3) (a) ON JULY 1, 2025, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAKE
- 8 AN".
- 9 Reletter succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 10 Page 12, line 36, strike "ONE HUNDRED" and substitute "FIVE".
- Page 12, strike line 38 and substitute "CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-607;
- 12 EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CONDITION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-36-125 (2)(b)
- 13 OCCURS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL NOT MAKE THE LOAN DESCRIBED
- 14 IN THIS SUBSECTION (3.3)(a). If the condition described in Section
- 15 24-36-125 (2)(b) OCCURS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
- 16 TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE ON-BILL FINANCING FUND
- 17 CREATED IN SECTION 24-36-125 (7) TO THE ON-BILL CASH FUND CREATED
- 18 IN SECTION 24-38.5-607 ONCE THE MONEY IN THE ON-BILL FINANCING
- 19 FUND REACHES TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. THE COLORADO ENERGY
- 20 OFFICE SHALL:".
- 21 Page 12, strike line 40 and substitute "DESCRIBED IN SECTION
- 22 24-38.5-603;
- 23 (II) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS THAT AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATING
- 24 UTILITIES AND THIRD-PARTY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, AS THOSE TERMS
- 25 ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 24-38.5-602, TO REMIT ANY INTEREST DIRECTLY
- 26 TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND; AND".
- 27 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- Page 13, strike lines 4 and 5 and substitute:
- 29 "(b) If the Loan described in subsection (3.3)(a) of this
- 30 SECTION IS MADE ON JULY 1, 2025, THEN, ON MARCH 1, 2026, THE STATE
- 31 TREASURER SHALL MAKE AN ADDITIONAL INTEREST-FREE LOAN IN THE
- 32 AMOUNT OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

TRUST FUND TO THE ON-BILL CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-607. THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE SHALL:

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- (I) USE THE LOAN TO SUPPORT UTILITY ON-BILL PROGRAMS, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-38.5-603; AND
- (II) PAY THE LOAN BACK TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND BY JANUARY 1, 2046. THE LOAN REPAYMENT IS SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED OR CONSTRUED AS CREATING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAW OF THE STATE CONCERNING LIMITING THE CREATION OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE STATE.
- (c) ON July 1, 2026, the state treasurer shall make an interest-free loan in the amount of twenty-five million dollars from the unclaimed property trust fund to the on-bill cash fund created in section 24-38.5-607; except that, if the condition described in section 24-36-125 (2)(c) occurs, the state treasurer shall not make the loan described in this subsection (3.3)(c). If the condition described in section 24-36-125 (2)(c) occurs, the state treasurer shall transfer twenty-five million dollars from the on-bill financing fund created in section 24-36-125 (7) to the on-bill cash fund created in section 24-38.5-607 once the money in the on-bill financing fund reaches twenty-five million dollars. The Colorado energy office shall:
- (I) Use the loan to support utility on-bill programs, as described in section 24-38.5-603; and
- (II) PAY THE LOAN BACK TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND BY JANUARY 1, 2046. THE LOAN REPAYMENT IS SUBJECT TO FUTURE APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SHALL NOT BE DEEMED OR CONSTRUED AS CREATING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR THE LAW OF THE STATE CONCERNING LIMITING THE CREATION OF INDEBTEDNESS BY THE STATE.
- (d) On or before December 31, 2025, and on or before DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE STATE TREASURER AND THE STATE CONTROLLER SUMMARIZING THE STATUS OF LOANS MADE TO UTILITIES FROM THE MONEY LOANED FROM THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TRUST FUND TO THE ON-BILL CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-607. THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF LOANS MADE TO UTILITIES TO DATE AND THE AMOUNTS LOANED TO EACH UTILITY TO DATE.".
- 40 Page 13, line 27, strike "FINANCING" and substitute "FINANCIAL".
- Page 14, line 5, strike "PUBLIC INTEREST" and substitute "BEST INTEREST

1 OF COVERED BUILDING OWNERS AND PARTICIPATING UTILITIES".

## Page 14, strike lines 28 through 33 and substitute:

- "(V) IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF COVERED BUILDING OWNERS TO CREATE A BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ENTERPRISE CASH FUND WITHIN THE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ENTERPRISE, THE USE OF WHICH IS DEDICATED TO FINANCING THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR COVERED BUILDING OWNERS SEEKING TO IMPLEMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND BUILDING DECARBONIZATION MEASURES;
- (VI) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENTERPRISE ARE FUNDED BY REVENUE GENERATED FROM AN ON-BILL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FEE PAID BY PARTICIPATING UTILITIES AND ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS RECEIVED;
- (VII) IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT PARTICIPATING UTILITIES SHOULD PAY AN ON-BILL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FEE BECAUSE PARTICIPATING UTILITIES ARE THE DIRECT BENEFICIARIES OF SERVICES THAT THE ENTERPRISE PROVIDES, WHICH SERVICES INCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT FOR ON-BILL PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION;
- (VIII) PARTICIPATING UTILITIES BENEFIT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ON-BILL PROGRAMS BECAUSE:
- (A) UTILITY ON-BILL PROGRAMS CAN REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND PEAK DEMAND;
- (B) UTILITY CUSTOMERS BENEFIT FROM HAVING ACCESS TO SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR LOW-COST FINANCING SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING END-OF-LIFE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT; AND
- (C) UTILITY ON-BILL PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW REPAYMENTS THROUGH UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS COULD EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELIGIBLE RETAIL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO PURSUE ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND ELECTRIFICATION MEASURES, ENABLING UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO PAY BACK THE UP-FRONT COSTS OF THE UPGRADES AND MEASURES OVER TIME THROUGH THEIR UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS AT OR BELOW INTEREST RATES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES;
- (IX) IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PARTICIPATING UTILITIES TO CREATE AN ON-BILL CASH FUND WITHIN THE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ENTERPRISE, THE USE OF WHICH IS DEDICATED TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT FOR ON-BILL PROGRAMS FOR PARTICIPATING UTILITIES;".
- 39 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

- Page 14, line 39, strike "IS A FEE, NOT A TAX," and substitute "AND THE
- 2 ON-BILL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FEE ARE BOTH FEES, NOT TAXES,".
- Page 15, line 9, strike "UTILITY" and substitute "UTILITY, AS NECESSARY".
- 4 Page 15, line 10, strike "RETAIL CUSTOMERS;" and substitute "ELIGIBLE
- 5 RETAIL CUSTOMERS AND COLLECTED AT A RATE THAT IS REASONABLY
- 6 RELATED TO THE OVERALL COST OF THE BUSINESS SERVICES BEING
- 7 PROVIDED;".
- 8 Page 16, line 16, before "INSTALLED" insert "ARE".
- 9 Page 16, strike lines 17 and 18 and substitute "CUSTOMER'S PREMISES, THE
- 10 FINANCING OF WHICH IS REPAID THROUGH MONTHLY".
- 11 Page 17, line 17, strike "SUPPORT" and substitute "SUPPORT, AS
- 12 NECESSARY,".
- 13 Page 17, strike line 26.
- 14 Page 17, after line 28 insert:
- 15 "(D) PROVIDING CONSUMER EDUCATION AND MARKETING SUPPORT
- 16 TO INCREASE CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN THE PARTICIPATING UTILITIES'
- 17 ON-BILL PROGRAMS; AND".
- 18 Page 17, strike line 31 and substitute "DESIGNS AND TECHNICAL
- 19 ASSISTANCE FOR THE".
- Page 18, line 17, strike "ENTERPRISE." and substitute "ENTERPRISE, BUT
- 21 NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT.".
- Page 19, line 17, after "duties" insert "of board".
- Page 20, after line 4 insert:
- 24 "(VI) TO SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
- 25 DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES THAT THE ENTERPRISE PROVIDES TO
- 26 COVERED BUILDING OWNERS FOR BUILDING DECARBONIZATION MEASURES
- OR TO PARTICIPATING UTILITIES FOR ON-BILL PROGRAMS;".
- 28 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

- Page 20, strike lines 7 through 10 and substitute "EXPANDING AN ON-BILL 1 PROGRAM, WHICH PROGRAM INCLUDES:
  - (A) DEVELOPING A FULL SET OF ON-BILL PROGRAM MODELS, INCLUDING MODELS THAT ARE RUN BY THIRD-PARTY OPT-IN ON-BILL PROGRAMS THAT PARTICIPATING UTILITIES ADOPT;
  - (B) ASSISTING UTILITIES IN MEETING REPORTING OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-38.5-603 (5)(a);
- 8 (C) PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION 9 AND ADMINISTRATION OF ON-BILL PROGRAMS; AND
- 10 (D) PROVIDING CONSUMER EDUCATION AND MARKETING SUPPORT 11 TO INCREASE CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN THE PARTICIPATING UTILITIES' 12 ON-BILL PROGRAMS; AND".
- 13 Page 20, line 27, strike "DOLLARS" and substitute "DOLLARS, WHICH IS
- 14 REASONABLY RELATED TO THE OVERALL COST OF THE PROVIDED SERVICES
- 15 FUNDED BY THE BUILDING DECARBONIZATION FEE. THE FEE SHALL BE
- 16 PAID".

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- 17 Page 20, line 36, strike "OFFICE" and substitute "ENTERPRISE".
- 18 Page 21, strike lines 3 and 4 and substitute:
- 19 "(B) IS COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE ENTERPRISE;
- 20 (C) IS HELD TEMPORARILY BY THE OFFICE AND THE STATE 21
- TREASURER SOLELY".
- 22 Reletter succeeding sub-subparagraph accordingly.
- 23 Page 21, line 15, after the period add "TO ENSURE THAT THE ON-BILL
- 24 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPATING UTILITY IS
- 25 REASONABLY RELATED TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ENTERPRISE.
- 26 THE BOARD SHALL SET THE ADMINISTRATION FEE WITHIN THE RANGES
- 27 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION BASED ON CRITERIA
- 28 INCLUDING:

- (A) THE ANTICIPATED SIZE OF THE PROPOSED ON-BILL PROGRAM;
- 30 (B) THE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF SERVICES THAT THE ENTERPRISE
- 31 INTENDS TO PROVIDE TO PARTICIPATING UTILITIES BASED ON THE SIZE OF
- 32 THE LOAN;
- 33 WHETHER THE PARTICIPATING UTILITY IS SEEKING TO (C)
- 34 ESTABLISH A NEW ON-BILL PROGRAM OR EXPAND AN EXISTING ON-BILL
- 35 PROGRAM; AND
- 36 (D) THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS IN EACH RATE CLASS
- 37 FORECASTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ON-BILL PROGRAM.".

- Page 21, line 16, strike "(5)(c)(III)" and substitute "(5)(c)(IV)".
- 2 Page 21, strike lines 19 through 23 and substitute "2025, AND ON OR
- 3 BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, SO LONG AS THE
- 4 PARTICIPATING UTILITY IS ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING, OR EXPANDING
- 5 ITS ON-BILL PROGRAM. THE ON-BILL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FEE MUST
- 6 BE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF THE MONEY LOANED TO THE PARTICIPATING
- 7 UTILITY OR A UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR FROM THE ON-BILL
- 8 CASH FUND AS FOLLOWS:".
- 9 Page 22, after line 8 insert:
- 10 "(III) THE FEE RANGES PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5)(c)(II) OF
- 11 THIS SECTION ARE REASONABLY RELATED TO THE OVERALL COST OF THE
- 12 SERVICES PROVIDED. THE COST OF SERVICES TO FEE PAYERS THAT RECEIVE
- 13 LARGER LOANS IS HIGHER BECAUSE PARTICIPATING UTILITIES THAT
- 14 RECEIVE LARGER LOANS WILL REQUIRE GREATER SERVICES FROM THE
- 15 ENTERPRISE, INCLUDING SERVICES FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT, PROGRAM
- 16 DEVELOPMENT, AND RATE IMPACT MODELING FOR LARGER AND MORE
- 17 COMPLEX ON-BILL PROGRAMS.".
- 18 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.
- 19 Page 22, line 11, after "UTILITY'S" insert "OR ITS UTILITY-DESIGNATED
- 20 ADMINISTRATOR'S".
- Page 22, line 15, after "INFLATION." insert "IN EVALUATING THE FEE, THE
- 22 BOARD MAY ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER THE ADMINISTRATION FEE SHOULD
- 23 BE BASED ON THE ORIGINAL LOAN AMOUNT BORROWED OR ON THE
- 24 PRINCIPAL HELD BY THE UTILITY OR ITS UTILITY-DESIGNATED
- 25 ADMINISTRATOR. IN MAKING THIS EVALUATION, THE BOARD SHALL
- 26 CONSIDER THE LEVEL OF FEE NEEDED TO ADMINISTER THE ON-BILL
- 27 PROGRAM.".
- Page 22, line 27, before "repeal." insert "gifts, grants, and donations ".
- 29 Page 22, after line 31 insert:
- 30 "(II) ANY MONEY THAT THE ENTERPRISE RECEIVES AS GIFTS,
- 31 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES THAT THE ENTERPRISE
- 32 PROVIDES TO COVERED BUILDING OWNERS FOR BUILDING
- 33 DECARBONIZATION MEASURES;".

- 1 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.
- 2 Page 23, line 18, before "repeal." insert "gifts, grants, and donations -".
- 3 Page 23, after line 23 insert:
- 4 "(II) ANY MONEY THAT THE ENTERPRISE RECEIVES AS GIFTS,
- 5 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES THAT THE ENTERPRISE
- 6 PROVIDES TO PARTICIPATING UTILITIES FOR ON-BILL PROGRAMS;".
- 7 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.
- 8 Page 24, after line 3 insert:

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- 9 "SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 24-36-125 as 10 follows:
  - 24-36-125. On-bill financing tax credits authorization to issue terms use of tax credits carry over on-bill financing fund creation definitions repeal. (1) Definitions. As USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:
  - (a) "Applicable forecast" means either the quarterly December revenue forecast prepared by legislative council staff or the quarterly December revenue forecast prepared by the office of state planning and budgeting in the December immediately preceding the applicable state fiscal year, as determined by which immediately preceding March forecast the joint budget committee of the general assembly used in the preparation of the state budget.
    - (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.
  - (c) "Forecast" means the quarterly June revenue forecast prepared by the office of state planning and budgeting in June 2025.
  - (d) "Nonexempt revenue" means, for the applicable state fiscal year, the revenue that is identified as nonexempt TABOR revenues in the annual comprehensive financial report published by the office of the state controller.
  - (e) "ON-BILL FINANCING FUND" MEANS THE ON-BILL FINANCING FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.
  - (f) "ON-BILL FINANCING TAX CREDIT" OR "TAX CREDIT" MEANS THE TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
- 35 (g) "PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY" MEANS THE LIABILITY IMPOSED BY SECTION 10-3-209 OR 10-6-128 OR, IN THE CASE OF A REPEAL OR REDUCTION BY THE STATE OF THE LIABILITY IMPOSED BY SECTION

10-3-209 OR 10-6-128, ANY OTHER TAX LIABILITY IMPOSED UPON AN INSURANCE COMPANY BY THE STATE.

- (h) (I) "QUALIFIED TAXPAYER" MEANS AN INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO THAT HAS PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY OWING TO THE STATE AND THAT PURCHASES A TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (II) "QUALIFIED TAXPAYER" INCLUDES AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT RECEIVES OR ASSUMES A TAX CREDIT TRANSFER.
- (i) "Ref C cap" means the limit on state fiscal year spending from section 20 of article X of the state constitution, as modified by Referendum C.
- (j) "TABOR" MEANS SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.
- (k) "TAX CREDIT SALE PROCEEDS" OR "SALE PROCEEDS" MEANS THE MONEY OR OTHER LIQUID ASSET ACCEPTABLE TO THE STATE TREASURER THAT A QUALIFIED TAXPAYER PAYS TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IS DEPOSITED IN THE ON-BILL FINANCING FUND.
- (2) **On-bill financing tax credits.** (a) Subject to subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c) of this section, a qualified taxpayer may purchase on-bill financing tax credits from the department in accordance with this section and may apply the tax credits against the qualified taxpayer's premium tax liability in accordance with subsection (6) of this section.
- (b) If the forecast shows that the state's nonexempt revenue for the 2025-26 state fiscal year is at least fifty million dollars under the Ref C cap:
- (I) The department is required to issue tax credit certificates to qualified taxpayers with total sale proceeds of at least twenty-five million dollars in state fiscal year 2025-26; and
- (II) THE TAX CREDIT SALE PROCEEDS DEPOSITED INTO THE ON-BILL FINANCING FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO FINANCE UTILITIES' ON-BILL PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF ARTICLE 38.5 OF THIS TITLE 24.
- (c) If the applicable forecast shows that the state's nonexempt revenue for the 2026-27 state fiscal year is at least fifty million dollars under the Ref C cap:
- (I) THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES TO QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS WITH TOTAL SALE PROCEEDS OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27; AND
- (II) THE TAX CREDIT SALE PROCEEDS DEPOSITED INTO THE ON-BILL FINANCING FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE

USED TO FINANCE UTILITIES' ON-BILL PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO PART 6 OF ARTICLE 38.5 OF THIS TITLE 24.

- (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY TO CONDUCT OR CONSULT ON A BIDDING PROCESS AMONG QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS TO PURCHASE THE TAX CREDITS.
- (e) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES IN ADVANCE OF ISSUING ANY TAX CREDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.
- (f) AN INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO SEEKING TO PURCHASE TAX CREDITS MUST APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
- (3) Procedure for obtaining a tax credit certificate. (a) USING PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR, IF APPLICABLE, BY AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY, EACH INSURANCE COMPANY THAT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR ON-BILL FINANCING TAX CREDITS SHALL MAKE A TIMELY AND IRREVOCABLE OFFER, CONTINGENT ONLY UPON THE DEPARTMENT'S ISSUANCE TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES, TO MAKE A SPECIFIED PURCHASE PAYMENT AMOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON DATES SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
  - (b) THE OFFER MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- (I) THE REQUESTED AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS, WHICH AMOUNT MUST NOT BE LESS THAN ANY MINIMUM AMOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCEDURES OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY'S PROCEDURES;
- (II) THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER'S PROPOSED TAX CREDIT PURCHASE AMOUNT FOR EACH TAX CREDIT DOLLAR REQUESTED;
- (III) THE MINIMUM PROPOSED TAX CREDIT PURCHASE AMOUNT MUST BE EITHER:
- (A) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REQUESTED DOLLAR AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY DETERMINES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH MARKET CONDITIONS AS OF THE OFFER DATE; OR
- (B) If no amount is established by the department or the independent third party pursuant to subsection (3)(b)(III)(A) of this section, seventy-five percent of the requested dollar amount of tax credits; and
- (IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY REQUIRES.
- (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH INSURANCE COMPANY THAT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION INDICATING WHETHER THE INSURANCE COMPANY HAS BEEN APPROVED AS A PURCHASER OF TAX CREDITS AND, IF SO, THE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS ALLOCATED AND THE DATE BY WHICH PAYMENT OF THE TAX CREDIT SALE

PROCEEDS MUST BE MADE.

(d) ON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT OF THE SALE PROCEEDS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE TO EACH QUALIFIED TAXPAYER A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE. THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE MUST STATE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (I) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PREMIUM TAX CREDITS THAT THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM;
- (II) THE AMOUNT THAT THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER HAS PAID OR AGREED TO PAY IN RETURN FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATES AND THE DATE OF THE PAYMENT;
- (III) THE DATES ON WHICH THE TAX CREDITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER;
  - (IV) ANY PENALTIES OR OTHER REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE;
- (V) The procedures to be used for transferring or assuming the tax credits in accordance with subsection (6)(d) of this section;
  - (VI) THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE; AND
- (VII) ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A CONDITION OF ISSUING THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE.
- (4) **Defaulted tax credits reallocation process penalty.**(a) The department shall not issue a tax credit certificate to a qualified taxpayer that fails to provide the tax credit sale proceeds within the time the department specifies.
- (b) A QUALIFIED TAXPAYER THAT FAILS TO PROVIDE THE TAX CREDIT SALE PROCEEDS WITHIN THE TIME THE DEPARTMENT SPECIFIES IS SUBJECT TO A PENALTY EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THAT REMAINS UNPAID. THE PENALTY SHALL BE PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER DEMAND.
- (c) THE DEPARTMENT MAY OFFER TO REALLOCATE THE DEFAULTED TAX CREDITS AMONG OTHER QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS SO THAT THE RESULT AFTER REALLOCATION IS THE SAME AS IF THE INITIAL ALLOCATION HAD BEEN PERFORMED WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION TO THE DEFAULTING QUALIFIED TAXPAYER.
- (d) If the reallocation of tax credits under subsection (4)(c) of this section results in the payment by another qualified taxpayer of the amount of tax credit sale proceeds not paid by the defaulting qualified taxpayer, the department may waive the penalty imposed under subsection (4)(b) of this section.
- (e) A QUALIFIED TAXPAYER THAT FAILS TO PAY THE TAX CREDIT SALE PROCEEDS WITHIN THE TIME SPECIFIED MAY AVOID THE IMPOSITION OF THE PENALTY BY TRANSFERRING THE ALLOCATION OF TAX CREDITS TO A NEW OR EXISTING QUALIFIED TAXPAYER WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE OF THE DEFAULTED INSTALLMENT. A TRANSFEREE OF AN

ALLOCATION OF TAX CREDITS OF A DEFAULTING QUALIFIED TAXPAYER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (4) SHALL AGREE TO PAY TAX CREDIT SALE PROCEEDS WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE TRANSFER.

- (5) **Deposit of tax credit sale proceeds into fund.** The state treasurer shall deposit the tax credit sale proceeds provided by a qualifying taxpayer in return for a tax credit certificate into the on-bill financing fund.
- (6) Process for claiming tax credits carry over authorized tax credits are nonrefundable transfer and assumption of tax credit.
  (a) (I) FOR A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING, PRIOR TO THE SALE, MAY DETERMINE THE CALENDAR YEARS IN WHICH THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM THEIR CREDIT AGAINST PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY.
- (II) FOR A TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES IN STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-27, THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING, PRIOR TO THE SALE, MAY DETERMINE THE CALENDAR YEARS IN WHICH THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM THEIR CREDIT AGAINST PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY.
- (b) The total credit that a qualified taxpayer may apply in any one year must not exceed the premium tax liability of the qualified taxpayer for the taxable year. If the qualified taxpayer cannot use the entire amount of the tax credit for the taxable year in which the taxpayer is eligible for the tax credit, the excess may be carried over to succeeding taxable years and used as a credit against the premium tax liability of the taxpayer for those taxable years; except that the credit shall not be carried over to any taxable year that begins after December 31, 2035. Any amount of the tax credit that is not timely claimed expires and is not refundable.
- (c) A QUALIFIED TAXPAYER CLAIMING A TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:
- (I) SUBMIT THE TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITH THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER'S TAX RETURN; AND
- (II) NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANY ADDITIONAL OR RETALIATORY TAX AS A RESULT OF CLAIMING THE TAX CREDIT.
- (d) (I) IF A QUALIFIED TAXPAYER HOLDING AN UNCLAIMED TAX CREDIT IS PART OF A MERGER, ACQUISITION, OR LINE OF BUSINESS DIVESTITURE TRANSACTION, THE TAX CREDIT MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO AND ASSUMED BY THE RESULTING ENTITY IF THE RESULTING ENTITY IS AN INSURANCE COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN COLORADO AND HAS PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY.

- 1 (II) THE QUALIFIED TAXPAYER THAT ORIGINALLY PURCHASED THE 2 TAX CREDIT AND THE RESULTING ENTITY SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IN WRITING OF THE TRANSFER OR ASSUMPTION OF THE TAX CREDIT IN 4 ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE 5 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE NOTICE TO THE DIVISION OF 6 INSURANCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES AND SHALL 7 MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE TRANSFER OR ASSUMPTION OF THE TAX 8 CREDIT. THE TRANSFER OR ASSUMPTION OF THE TAX CREDIT DOES NOT 9 AFFECT THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR CLAIMING THE TAX CREDIT AS PROVIDED 10 IN THIS SECTION.
  - (7) **On-bill financing fund creation.** The on-bill financing fund is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of tax credit sale proceeds received from qualified taxpayers and deposited into the fund pursuant to subsection (5) of this section. The state treasurer shall credit all interest and income derived from the deposit and investment of money in the on-bill finance fund to the fund.
- 18 (8) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2038. 19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-402, **amend** 20 (5)(jjj) and (5)(kkk); and **add** (5)(lll) as follows:
  - 24-75-402. Cash funds limit on uncommitted reserves reduction in the amount of fees exclusions definitions. (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the following cash funds are excluded from the limitations specified in this section:
- 26 (jjj) The employee ownership cash fund created in section 27 39-22-542.5 (8); and
  - (kkk) The community revitalization tax credit program cash fund created in section 39-22-569 (13); AND
- 30 (III) The on-bill financing fund created in section 24-36-125 31 (7).".
- 32 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.
- 33 After "UTILITIES," insert "UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATORS," on:
- 34 **Page 4**, line 14; and **Page 5**, line 15.

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- 35 After "UTILITY" insert "OR ITS UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR" on:
- 36 Page 9, line 16; Page 16, line 24; Page 17, lines 21 and 30; Page 21,
- 37 lines 24, 28, 33, 38, and 43; and **Page 22**, lines 5 and 9.
- 38 After "UTILITIES" insert "OR UTILITY-DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATORS" on:
- 39 **Page 17**, line 14; and **Page 20**, line 2.

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