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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senators Anderson, Coyne, Calkin, Mendes, Picard, Zurier, Kallman, and
Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 15, 2022

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-1-27.14. Time of use rates plan.**

4 (a) On or before June 15, 2022, or on a date thereafter approved by the commission, each
5 electrical distribution company shall submit to the commission a plan for application and adoption
6 of time of use rates. For purposes of this section, "time of use rates" means a rate plan in which
7 rates vary according to the time of day, season and day type (weekday or weekend/holiday), and
8 higher rates are charged during peak demand hours and lower rates during off-peak or low demand
9 hours.

10 (b) On or before September 13, 2022, the commission shall review the plan and issue an
11 order with regard to the plan not later than October 4, 2022. The order shall be effective not later
12 than January 1, 2023. The commission shall cause a review, and as appropriate, an amendment of
13 the plan at least every three (3) years between September 13, 2022, and September 13, 2034.

14 (c) On or before January 1, 2023, each electric distribution company shall implement the
15 provisions of the time of use rate plan in accordance with the orders of the commission.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that electrical distribution companies submit a time of use rate plan
2 to the PUC. The time of use rate plans shall delineate when higher rates are charged during peak
3 demand hours, and lower rates during off-peak or low demand hours and would be implemented
4 on or before January 1, 2023.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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