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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Marshall, Blazejewski, Edwards, and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 09, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 39-3-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-3 entitled "Regulatory  
2 Powers of Administration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **39-3-8. Standards for measurement and testing of service.** – (a) The division shall  
4 ascertain and fix adequate and serviceable standards for the measurement of the quality, pressure,  
5 initial voltage, or other condition pertaining to the supply of the product or service rendered by  
6 any public utility, and prescribe reasonable regulations for the examination and testing of the  
7 product or service and for the measurement thereof. It shall establish reasonable rules,  
8 regulations, specifications, and standards to secure accuracy of all meters and appliances for  
9 measurement, and every public utility is required to carry into effect all orders issued by the  
10 division relative thereto.

11           **(b) An electric transmission and distribution utility may not install a wireless smart meter**  
12 **unless approved by the commission. Upon petition by an electric transmission and distribution**  
13 **utility, the commission shall open a proceeding to establish the terms and conditions under which**  
14 **the utility may install wireless smart meters. The terms and conditions must include, but are not**  
15 **limited to, provisions allowing a customer, at no cost to that customer:**

16           **(1) To decline the installation of all types of smart-meter technology; or**

17           **(2) To decline the installation of the wireless smart meter; or**

18           **(3) To have a wired smart meter installed as an alternative to the wireless smart meter.**

19           **(c) Definitions, as used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the**

1 following terms have the following meanings:

2           (1) “Wired smart meter” means an advanced metering infrastructure device using a fixed  
3 wire for 2-way communication between the device and an electric transmission and distribution  
4 utility.

5           (2) “Wireless smart meter” means an advanced metering infrastructure device using radio  
6 or other wireless means for 2-way communication between the device and an electric  
7 transmission and distribution utility.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow consumers the right to decline the installation of a wireless smart  
2 meter and substitute a wired smart meter, and to completely decline the installation of any smart  
3 meter technology.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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