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1995 SENATE BILL 607

March 7, 1996 - Introduced by Senators Welch and Drzewiecki, cosponsored by Representatives Ourada, Musser, Skindrud, Lehman, Goetsch, Seratti, Ainsworth and Lorge. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 AN ACT *to create* 196.496 of the statutes; **relating to:** the extension of electric utility facilities.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill establishes requirements for allocating the costs of new extensions of electric facilities among customers receiving electric service from the facilities. The bill applies to any public utility that charges a customer for all or part of the cost of constructing an extension of electric facilities to provide electric service to the customer. Each time a new customer is provided electric service by being connected to the extension, the public utility is required to charge a portion of the cost of constructing the extension to the new customer and is required to rebate a portion of the construction cost to each customer that has already paid a portion of the construction cost. The amounts of charges and rebates must be calculated to allocate costs equally among each customer who first receives electric service from the extension within 10 years of the date on which the extension went into service.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **Section 1.** 196.496 of the statutes is created to read:
- 196.496 Construction costs of extending electric facilities. A public utility that charges a customer for all or part of the cost of constructing an extension
- of electric facilities to provide electric service to the customer shall, each time a new

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customer is provided electric service by being connected to the extension, charge a portion of the cost of constructing the extension to the new customer and shall rebate a portion of the cost of constructing the extension to each customer who has paid a portion of the cost of constructing the extension. The amount of charges and rebates under this section shall be calculated to allocate costs in such a manner so that each customer who receives electric service by being connected to the extension pays an equal portion of the cost of constructing the extension. Costs of constructing an extension of electric facilities shall be allocated under this section only among customers who first receive electric service from the extension within 10 years of the date on which the extension went into service.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to extensions of an electric facility that go into service on the effective date of this subsection.

Section 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.

17 (END)