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HOUSE BILL DRH30320-LM-21

Short Title: Natural Gas Transportation Cost Recovery. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Autry, Willingham, Graham, and Richardson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE
3 COST RECOVERY FOR TRANSPORTING NATURAL GAS UNLESS THE NATURAL
4 GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY PROVES THAT THE TRANSPORTATION
5 COSTS ARE THE LOWEST COST AVAILABLE OPTION TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
6 ITS RETAIL CUSTOMERS.
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-133.4 reads as rewritten:
9 "**§ 62-133.4. Gas cost adjustment for natural gas local distribution ~~companies~~companies;**
10 **cost recovery for transporting natural gas.**
11 ...
12 (f) The Commission shall not authorize a rate change under G.S. 62-133 or this section
13 to allow for the recovery of the cost of transporting natural gas unless the natural gas local
14 distribution company can prove by a preponderance of evidence that the transportation costs it
15 seeks to recover are the lowest cost available option to meet the needs of its retail customers. In
16 making its determination under this section, the Commission shall consider the utility's
17 information and data for an historical 12-month period concerning the utility's actual cost of
18 transporting natural gas and transportation volumes."
19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to rates fixed on
20 or after that date.

