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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits utility from billing customer for costs incurred for certain upgrades to utility infrastructure; allows costs for certain upgrades to utility infrastructure be recovered in utility's rate base.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 contractor that the construction on the customer's property was
2 performed to mitigate damage to the customer's property from a
3 previous or future natural disaster. "Qualified construction project"
4 is defined as construction performed on the real property of a
5 customer of a public utility to mitigate damage to the customer's
6 real property from a previous or future natural disaster. A customer
7 who fails to provide the certification to the board and the
8 customer's public utilities within 90 days of the completion of the
9 construction may be liable to the public utility for costs incurred by
10 the public utility for necessary upgrades to its infrastructure as a
11 result of the construction performed on the customer's property.

12 The bill provides that any costs incurred by a public utility for
13 necessary upgrades to its infrastructure as a result of a qualified
14 construction project receiving certification may be recovered in a
15 base rate case. Under the bill, a public utility is not to bill a
16 customer to recover the costs incurred to the public utility for
17 necessary upgrades to its infrastructure as a result of a qualified
18 construction project, except that the public utility may bill the
19 customer for the customer's pro rata share of any increase in the
20 public utility's rate base or other recovery mechanism approved by
21 the board.