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Summary Amendment #A01295 to Senate Bill 738, P.N. 823

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Analysis

- Requires the plans to be submitted nine months after the effective date.
 - Originally scheduled for January 1, 2014.
- Requires the plan to be submitted every three years instead of two.
- Further requires the three-year projection for expansion projects in the plan to include *“accompanying data that is based upon the length and cost of the required extensions and the numbers of customers affected for each potential project”* demonstrating a reasonable increase in the service area of customers per year.
- Allows the customer contribution period to be less than 10 years, but only if there is mutual agreement between the natural gas distribution utility and the prospective customer.
- Requires the natural gas distribution utility to provide support for the economic test used to determine the customer contribution for line extensions and also provide comparisons with other economic tests such as a net revenue screen or net present value method.
- Further requires the plan to include the manner in which the customers will be charged for expansion under a bona fide request program.
- Further requires the natural gas distribution utility to provide how geographic issues will be evaluated in the written description of the bona fide request program required to be submitted to the PUC.
- Further provides that at the request of the natural gas distribution utility, the commission shall maintain confidentiality of specific information deemed to be proprietary.
- Clarifies that the form which will be used to enter into agreements with prospective customers in order to obtain access to expansion and extension projects be included in the plan.

- Further requires the commission to take consideration of the saturation and other characteristic of each natural gas distribution utility as it prescribes the specific procedures to be followed in approving a distribution system extension and expansion plan and customer contribution criteria.