

## S 3487

### e-KNOW Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Jun 15, 2010)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 15, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 5696	Related bill	Jul 1, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
111 HR 4860	Related bill	Mar 16, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Electric Consumer Right to Know Act or the e-KNOW Act - Amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to grant an electric consumer the right to access the consumer's retail electric energy information in an electronic form, in conformity with nationally recognized open standards, free of charge, and in a manner that is timely and convenient and that provides adequate protections for the security of the information and the privacy of the electric consumer.

Requires such information to be provided by the consumer's retail electricity provider (or such other entity as may be designated by the authority responsible for regulating the retail sale and delivery of electricity to the consumer).

Identifies the type of retail electric energy information which the consumer has the right to access, including: (1) the consumer's electric energy consumption over a defined time period; and (2) the prices or rates applied to the consumer's electricity usage for such time period.

Permits a utility providing retail electric energy information to recover in rates the cost of providing the information, if the cost is determined reasonable and prudent by the entity with jurisdiction over metering and retail electric service for the consumer.

Directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to: (1) issue guidelines that establish minimum national standards for implementation of the electric consumer right to access retail electric energy information; and (2) preserve the integrity of and be guided by actions taken by state and local regulatory authorities to ensure electric consumer access to such information.

Empowers the attorney general, official, or agency of the state, as parens patriae, to bring a civil action in federal district court to compel compliance with such standards.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 15, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 15, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4940-4941)
- **Jun 15, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.