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Ratepayer Fairness Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4232	Identical bill	Dec 11, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
114 HR 8	Related bill	Dec 7, 2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ratepayer Fairness Act of 2015

This bill amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) to require a state regulatory authority and a nonregulated electric utility (entities), to the extent that they allow electric utility rates to include charges that subsidize customer-side technology, to consider whether that subsidy would:

- result in benefits predominately enjoyed by only the users of the customer-side technology;
- shift costs of a customer-side technology to electricity consumers that do not use it, particularly in cases in which disparate economic or resource conditions exist among the electricity consumers cross-subsidizing the customer-side technology;
- negatively affect resource utilization, fuel diversity, grid reliability, or grid security;
- give any unfair competitive advantage to market the customer-side technology, including an analysis of whether a state regulatory authority has uncovered fraudulent customer-side technology marketing practices; and
- be necessary to fulfill an obligation to serve electric consumers.

The bill sets deadlines within which the entities must set a hearing date to consider and subsequently determine the subsidization of customer-side technology.

Actions Timeline

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