

## S 613

### Ratepayer Fairness Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

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Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 13, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

### Related Bills

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115 HR 1572	Related bill	<b>Mar 17, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

## **Ratepayer Fairness Act**

This bill amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to require a state regulatory authority and a nonregulated electric utility, 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 who 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 regulatory authority or electric utility must set a hearing date to consider and subsequently determine the subsidization of customer-side technology.

## **Actions Timeline**

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