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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the Transition Advisory Committee on Electric
Utility Industry Restructuring

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act requiring a default supplier to provide qualified small customer choice of a range of service options; amending section 69-8-210, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Public utility -- qualified choice for small customers -- commission rulemaking.** (1) In addition to the customer choice provisions in 69-8-201, after January 1, 2004, the default supplier shall offer small customers a range of service options. The range of service options are limited to services that reflect:

- (a) market prices;
- (b) energy produced from new renewable energy resources; or
- (c) cost-based prices.

(2) The commission may limit switching among the range of service options by small customers.

(3) The commission shall adopt rules that:

- (a) define the range of service options; and
- (b) set out the procedures for small customers switching among the range of service options.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Codification**

instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 68, chapter 8, part 2, and the provisions of Title 68, chapter 8, part 2, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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