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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 802

Introduced by Assembly Member Williams

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Sections 454.55 and 454.56 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy efficiency.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 802, as amended, Williams. Public utilities: energy efficiency savings.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission), to identify all potentially achievable cost-effective electricity efficiency savings, and to establish efficiency targets for electrical corporations to achieve pursuant to their procurement plan. Existing law requires the PUC, in consultation with the Energy Commission, to identify all potentially achievable cost-effective natural gas efficiency savings and to establish efficiency targets for gas corporations to achieve, and requires that a gas corporation first meet, its unmet resource needs through all available gas efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost effective, reliable, and feasible.

This bill would require the PUC, in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of those efficiency savings, to consider the total energy savings to be the difference between the energy usage after the installation of the

energy efficiency measure funded by ratepayer-funded incentives or rebates and the energy usage without that energy efficiency measure.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
 2 legislation to require electrical and gas corporations to satisfy the
 3 state’s energy requirements with energy efficiency measures when
 4 procuring those measures is less expensive to the corporation than
 5 procuring alternative electric or gas resources.

6 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require
 7 that all applicable state and federal contractor qualifications,
 8 licensing, certifications, and wages appropriate for the work to be
 9 performed are followed for any energy efficiency retrofit and
 10 installation project funded by ratepayers, and to require that the
 11 ~~Public Utilities Commission not create additional qualification,~~
 12 ~~license, certification, or wage requirements.~~ *ratepayers.*

13 SEC. 2. Section 454.55 of the Public Utilities Code is amended
 14 to read:

15 454.55. (a) The commission, in consultation with the State
 16 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission,
 17 shall identify all potentially achievable cost-effective electricity
 18 efficiency savings and establish efficiency targets for an electrical
 19 corporation to achieve pursuant to Section 454.5.

20 (b) In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of ~~electricity~~ *electricity*
 21 efficiency savings, the commission shall consider the total
 22 electricity efficiency savings to be the difference between the
 23 electrical usage resulting after the installation of the energy
 24 efficiency measure funded by ratepayer-funded incentives or
 25 rebates, and the electrical usage without that energy efficiency
 26 measure, without regard to standards prescribed pursuant to
 27 subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 25402 of the Public Resources
 28 Code.

29 SEC. 3. Section 454.56 of the Public Utilities Code is amended
 30 to read:

31 454.56. (a) The commission, in consultation with the State
 32 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission,
 33 shall identify all potentially achievable cost-effective natural gas

1 efficiency savings and establish efficiency targets for the gas
2 corporation to achieve.

3 (b) A gas corporation shall first meet its unmet resource needs
4 through all available natural gas efficiency and demand reduction
5 resources that are cost effective, reliable, and feasible.

6 (c) In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of natural gas efficiency
7 savings, the commission shall consider the total natural gas
8 efficiency savings to be the difference between the natural gas
9 usage resulting after the installation of the energy efficiency
10 measure funded by ratepayer-funded incentives or rebates, and the
11 natural gas usage without that energy efficiency measure, without
12 regard to standards prescribed pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b)
13 of Section 25402 of the Public Resources Code.

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