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HOUSE BILL 2113

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 40-464, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 40-464, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 40-464. Powers and duties
5 A. The director may:
6 1. Research, study and analyze residential utility consumer
7 interests.
8 2. Prepare and present briefs, arguments, proposed rates or orders
9 and intervene or appear on behalf of residential utility consumers before
10 hearing officers and the corporation commission as a party in interest and
11 also participate as a party in interest pursuant to sections 40-254 and
12 40-254.01 in proceedings relating to rate making or rate design and
13 involving public service corporations, except that the director shall not
14 participate in any proceedings pursuant to this paragraph involving a
15 member-owned nonprofit cooperative corporation.
16 3. Make and execute contracts and other instruments as necessary to
17 perform ~~his~~ THE DIRECTOR'S duties.
18 4. Hire employees subject to title 41, chapter 4, article 4 as
19 necessary to carry out this article and contract for special services as
20 needed.
21 5. Employ such attorneys as are required to represent the interests
22 of residential utility consumers.
23 B. The director shall adopt administrative rules necessary to carry
24 out the purposes of this article.
25 C. All contacts by residential utility consumers with regard to
26 quality or quantity of service provided by a public service corporation
27 shall be recorded by the office for the purpose of determining general
28 concerns of consumers. The office may advise the consumer of other
29 agencies that may be of further assistance and shall refer the consumer to
30 the corporation commission utilities division consumer services section
31 established ~~in~~ BY section 40-110.
32 D. THE DIRECTOR SHALL INTERVENE IN A PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION
33 RATE CASE IF THE IMPACT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION'S PROPOSED RATE
34 INCREASE TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OR MORE.