

HB 398 -- Infrastructure Replacement Surcharges for Electrical Corporations

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Currently, gas corporations may file petitions to recover specified infrastructure replacement costs with the Missouri Public Service Commission. This bill allows an electrical corporation to recover these costs in a similar manner. The infrastructure costs that can be recovered are specified in the bill and include the repair of electrical plants; actions undertaken to comply with federal, state, or local environmental or safety regulations; and the costs of facility relocations required due to a public works project unless the costs have been reimbursed to the electrical corporation.

Beginning August 28, 2013, the commission must implement a mechanism to track the difference between specified non-capitalization costs used to calculate and set the electrical corporation's revenue requirement for rate cases and the sum of the cost actually incurred by the electrical corporation as reflected on its books and records. The electrical corporation must defer the amount tracked as an asset or liability to be included in determining the revenue requirement amortized over a period of three years without offset, reduction, or adjustment at the corporation's next general rate proceeding. Certain costs are excluded from the labor and regulatory costs allowed to be included in the non-capitalization costs.