



Monthly Report

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Monthly Report is a summary of the significant events of the past month - actions by the Public Service Commission and others - that affect the provision of safe, reliable and environmentally sound utility service at reasonable prices.

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Home Energy Fair Practices Act: During June, I worked with representatives from the Senate Energy Committee, the Assembly Corporations Committee, Consumer Protection Board, various consumer groups and the utilities and members of the Governor's staff to negotiate a bill that passed the Legislature as the Home Energy Fair Practices Act. This Act, which was called for in Governor Carey's 1981 Legislative Program, is the most significant piece of utility related consumer legislation to be enacted in several years. Not only does it consolidate various sections of existing law relating to utility consumers in one article, but it removes unrealistic restrictions on obtaining utility service, provides mechanisms for maintaining residential customers on service if they should fall into default, provides special protections for aged, blind and medically infirm customers, and generally broadens the rights and responsibilities of utility rate-payers.

This agency will make every effort to implement its provisions as promptly and effectively as possible.