

setting procedure to provide notice to its customers of the fact that it's requested the rate increases. This provision would add a new subsection to that statute which would require a utility engaged in a rate setting procedure to notify its customers no later than 20 days prior to a scheduled rate hearing of the facts that such a hearing is pending. The notice is sent by United States mail, postage prepaid, to the billing address of each direct affected customer or the utility may provide notice in the customers' bills. This notice must contain a brief statement of the purpose of the hearing, the date, time and place of the hearing, and must inform the customer of his rights, his or her rights to attend the hearing and to appear, participate and provide...present testimony. Additional provision was added by the committee to ensure that sufficient notice of the particulars of the hearing are provided to the utility to give it 15 days before the billing date which immediately precedes the hearing in order to provide the notice in the customer billing. In the portion of the amendment which is LB 783, the committee amendment amends Section 19-4616 which sets out the process for rate area hearing in which a record is prepared for the use by the individual municipalities in adopting the rate ordinance. This amendment has reference to the situation where the city negotiates and the natural gas utilities have reached an agreement on a new rate schedule. The new provision would require that the terms of the agreement be presented in full at the hearing and that the finding of the facts included in the law which are transmitted by a negotiator at the hearing office reflects the terms of the agreement. The intent of this is that all the terms of any agreement be made public, not just those relating to the rates, if the agreement encompasses other matters. In addition, any customer of the utility present at the hearing are provided a full and complete opportunity to appear at the hearing, participate and present testimony for inclusion in the record with regards to the agreement and the terms. And simply is simply a notice to people that are affected by rate hearings. And, with that, I would ask for adoption of the committee amendments. But I think there is an amendment to the amendment by Senator Wickersham.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, is somebody from the Clerk's...the amendment is AM943. I think it should have been printed in the Journal.