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SYNOPSIS

Requires BPU to designate certain natural gas transmission lines as interstate natural gas transmission extension lines.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain natural gas transmission lines, and
2 supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill):

9 “Board” means the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities or any
10 successor agency.

11 “Natural gas transmission line” means any pipe, main, or other
12 infrastructure of a public utility having a capacity, as determined by
13 the board, to be used for the transmission of natural gas, but the
14 term shall not include a distribution or service line used to distribute
15 natural gas to customers.

16 “Public utility” shall have the same meaning as provided in
17 R.S.48:2-13.

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19 2. a. The board shall, upon the Pipeline and Hazardous
20 Materials Safety Administration in the United States Department of
21 Transportation granting jurisdictional authority to the State,
22 designate an intrastate natural gas transmission line connected to an
23 interstate natural gas transmission line in this State as an interstate
24 natural gas transmission extension line. Only the portion of the
25 intrastate natural gas transmission line that lies between the point of
26 connection of the interstate natural gas transmission line and the
27 intrastate natural gas transmission and the first point of connection
28 of the intrastate natural gas transmission line and a natural gas
29 distribution line shall be designated as an interstate natural gas
30 transmission extension line.

31 b. The provisions of the “Natural Gas Safety Act,” P.L.1952,
32 c.166 (C.48:10-2 et seq.) shall not apply to a natural gas
33 transmission line that has been designated by the board as an
34 interstate natural gas transmission extension line.

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
42 (board), upon the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety
43 Administration in the United States Department of Transportation
44 granting jurisdictional authority to the State, to designate an
45 intrastate natural gas transmission line connected to an interstate
46 natural gas transmission line in this State as an interstate natural gas
47 transmission extension line.

1 Under the bill, only the portion of the intrastate natural gas
2 transmission line that lies between the point of connection of the
3 interstate natural gas transmission line and the intrastate natural gas
4 transmission and the first point of connection of the intrastate
5 natural gas transmission line and a natural gas distribution line shall
6 be designated as an interstate natural gas transmission extension
7 line.

8 The bill provides that the State's "Natural Gas Safety Act" is not
9 to apply to a natural gas transmission line that has been designated
10 by the board as an interstate natural gas transmission extension line.
11 The "Natural Gas Safety Act" provides in part that the board is to
12 have general supervision and jurisdiction over natural gas pipeline
13 utilities and their property, equipment, and facilities.

14 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates the
15 transmission and sale of natural gas for resale in interstate
16 commerce.