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ACT REFERRED TO

Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (No. 23)



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ELECTRICITY REGULATION (AMENDMENT) (STANDING CHARGES) BILL 2026

Bill

entitled

An Act to amend the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 to give the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) the legislative remit required to effectively monitor and regulate standing charges on electricity and gas bills, and to provide for related matters. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Monitoring and regulation of electricity and gas standing charges

1. The Electricity Regulation Act 1999 is amended in subsection (1) of section 9 by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (dr): 10

“(ds) to monitor and regulate standing charges that are applied to electricity and gas bills, by—

- (i) ensuring that standing charge rates are calculated to cover the fixed costs of electricity and gas providers and not used as a mechanism to increase profits, 15
- (ii) requiring all electricity and gas suppliers, licensed by the CRU, to submit a report to the CRU on their standing charges on an annual basis, that includes, but is not limited to, the following details: 20
 - (I) the standing charge rate that is being applied to customers’ bills;
 - (II) a breakdown of the suppliers’ fixed costs;
 - (III) an explanation as to how the rate of the standing charge was calculated and how it relates to covering the suppliers’ fixed costs, 25
- (iii) investigating electricity and gas suppliers suspected of imposing standing charges that exceed the amount required to cover their fixed costs, and requiring those suppliers found with excessive standing charges, to decrease their standing charge rate to a level sufficient to cover their fixed costs only, 30
- (iv) requiring all electricity and gas suppliers to apply for prior approval from the CRU for any increase in their standing charge

rate, any application by a supplier to the CRU seeking an increase in their standing charge rate shall require the supplier to provide to the CRU a detailed explanation as to why such an increase is needed and how it relates to an increase in their fixed costs,

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- (v) reserving the right to refuse an application for an increase in the rate of a standing charge, and
- (vi) taking any other action necessary to effectively monitor and regulate standing charges on electricity and gas bills.”.

Short title and citation

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2. This Act may be cited as Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Standing Charges) Act 2026.

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(Buanmhuirir), 2026

BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta um Rialáil Leictreachais, 1999 chun go dtabharfar don Choimisiún um Rialáil Fónais (CRF) an sainchúram reachtach is gá chun faireachán agus rialáil éifeachtach a dhéanamh ar bhuanmhuirir ar bhillí leictreachais agus gáis, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

*Na Teachtaí Pá Ó Dálaigh, Dara Ó Ruairc,
Lughaidh Ó hEára agus Réada Ní Chróinín a thug
isteach,*

5 Márta, 2026

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5th March, 2026

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