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HOUSE BILL 529

Short Title: Utilities/Water and Wastewater Consumption. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Arp, Riddell, Conrad, and Holley (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 1, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, IMPLEMENT,
MODIFY, OR ELIMINATE A RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR WATER OR
WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES TO TRACK AND TRUE-UP VARIATIONS IN
AVERAGE PER CUSTOMER USAGE FROM LEVELS APPROVED IN THE GENERAL
RATE CASE PROCEEDING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 7 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
a new section to read as follows:

**"§ 62-133.12A. Customer usage tracking rate adjustment mechanisms for water and
wastewater rates.**

In setting rates for a water and wastewater utility in a general rate proceeding under
G.S. 62-133, the Commission may adopt, implement, modify, or eliminate a rate adjustment
mechanism for one or more of the company's rate schedules to track and true-up variations in
average per customer usage from levels approved in the general rate case proceeding. The
Commission may adopt a rate adjustment mechanism only upon a finding by the Commission
that the mechanism is appropriate to track and true-up variations in average per customer usage
by rate schedule from levels adopted in the general rate case proceeding and the mechanism is in
the public interest."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

