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4. It requires the commission, in its annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters, to report on any filing fees or penalties collected from public utilities in the previous year that have not been adjusted in the previous five years and to provide information regarding the dollar value of those filing fees or penalties identified adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for each fee and penalty since the last adjustment. It allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters to report out a bill to adjust those identified fees or penalties for inflation.
5. It requires the commission and the Public Advocate to report annually, beginning in 2022, on the portion of resources devoted to matters related to investor-owned utilities and the portion of resources devoted to matters related to consumer-owned utilities and on commission and Public Advocate expenses, respectively, per dollar of intrastate gross operating revenue for investor-owned utilities and consumer-owned utilities.
6. It amends the law governing filing fees for reorganizations of utilities to authorize the commission to order a filing fee of up to 5/100 of one percent of the transaction value as determined by the commission and to require the commission to order payment of a filing fee equal to 5/100 of one percent of the transaction value if a reorganization would result in the transfer of ownership and control of a public utility or the parent company of a public utility. Under current law the commission may charge a filing fee of up to \$50,000 to an applicant seeking approval for a reorganization.
7. It adjusts several filing fees and penalties for inflation.

LD 256 An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 70 increases from \$13 to \$25 the flat fee paid by a delinquent sewer or wastewater ratepayer and provides that the \$25 fee be adjusted annually by the treasurer of the district for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index.

LD 314 An Act To Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 40 reestablishes the green power provisions, which require the Public Utilities Commission to arrange for a green power offer that is composed of green power supply. The original green power offer provisions were repealed on April 1, 2021. The new green power provisions do not include a repeal provision.