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9. It specifies that the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge must be shown on a customer's bill separately when practicable, and, when disclosure is not practicable, the local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider or interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider is required to make the information regarding the amount of the surcharge available to the customer in another manner.

LD 1473 An Act to Require Gas Utilities to Assess for Natural Gas Leaks and to Require Reporting of Gas Leak Information

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 217 requires a gas utility to assess its natural gas system, including every natural gas main and meter under its jurisdiction, as frequently as may be required by the Public Utilities Commission by rule, but no less frequently than every three years. The law requires gas utilities to provide reports to the commission at a frequency as established by the commission by rule, regarding the number of natural gas leaks identified by the gas utility, the street location for the natural gas leaks and the actions taken by the gas utility to address the natural gas leaks. The law also requires the commission to file an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters regarding natural gas leaks reported by gas utilities and to include natural gas leak reports on its publicly accessible website. The commission is required to periodically assess gas utility compliance with the assessment and reporting requirements of the law.

LD 1619 Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Solicit Information Regarding the Creation of a Thermal Energy Networks Program in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 67 directs the Governor's Energy Office to issue a request for information regarding the creation of a thermal energy networks program in the State. When issuing the request for information, the office is required to solicit information from stakeholders regarding various considerations related to the development of a thermal energy networks program. By January 15, 2026, in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust and the Public Advocate, the office must prepare a summary report regarding the information received by the office and submit the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The office may develop and include in the report recommendations regarding the development of a thermal energy networks program in the State.