



# How PA Can *Lower* Energy Bills Right Now

Pennsylvania's electric and gas utilities are economic engines beyond simply powering homes and businesses. They employ thousands of Pennsylvanians in well-paying jobs, including line workers, engineers, customer service representatives, and skilled tradespeople. EAP members also invest nearly \$600 million annually into customer assistance programs and energy efficiency initiatives through LIHEAP, Chapter 14 (PA Consumer Protection Act), the commonwealth's customer-funded energy efficiency programs (Act 129), and weatherization assistance.

Pennsylvania can join utilities and do more to bring down energy bills. Here are five quick fixes that can save customers hundreds of millions of dollars:

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**HOLD INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS ACCOUNTABLE.** Recent PJM capacity market auction costs skyrocketed from \$2.2 billion to \$16.1 billion over the most recent auction cycles. Future demand has signaled the need for more generation. Independent power producers can help lower energy bills by reinvesting billions in profits into building more generation facilities, but they have failed to do so.

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**STRENGTHEN RETAIL MARKET CONSUMER PROTECTIONS.** Residential shoppers are paying \$350 million more than if they stayed with their utility due to aggressive, predatory practices that confuse customers.

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**REINSTATE CHAPTER 14.** Though it was allowed to sunset, utilities continue to abide by the provisions of Chapter 14. It's time to reinstate these vital consumer protections and lock in hundreds of millions in savings.

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**CLOSE THE NET METERING LOOPHOLE.** Current net metering rules in Pennsylvania allow large solar developers to game the system, which costs customers millions of dollars.

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**REOPEN THE AEPS TIER II BORDER.** Pennsylvania's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard currently applies a closed-border policy for Tier II credits. Reopening our border would expand resources and save Pennsylvanians millions of dollars.