

1 AN ACT relating to protection from extreme weather conditions.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 278 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Extreme weather conditions" means a:

7 1. Day for which the National Weather Service has issued either an
8 Extreme Cold Warning or Extreme Heat Warning for the county in
9 which the customer resides; or

10 2. Period of natural disaster in the county in which the customer resides.
11 As used in this subparagraph, "natural disaster" means any natural
12 disaster resulting in the declaration of a state of emergency under
13 KRS 39A.100 or 39B.070; and

14 (b) "Utility" has the same meaning as in KRS 278.010(3)(a) and (b).

15 (2) Each utility shall submit an extreme weather disconnection plan to the
16 commission. The extreme weather disconnection plan shall identify how the
17 utility will prevent disconnection or suspension of residential service for
18 nonpayment to the customer during extreme weather conditions.

19 (3) The commission shall:

20 (a) Make available each utility's extreme weather disconnection plan on the
21 commission's website; and

22 (b) Order each utility with an extreme weather disconnection plan to make its
23 extreme weather disconnection plan available on its utility website.