

Sub. H.B. 6  
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**Topic:** Decoupling mechanism

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 7 of the title, after "4928.47," insert "4928.471," 1

In line 19, after "4928.47," insert "4928.471," 2

After line 935, insert: 3

"Sec. 4928.471. (A) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, not earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this section, an electric distribution utility may file an application to implement a decoupling mechanism for the 2019 calendar year and each calendar year thereafter. For an electric distribution utility that applies for a decoupling mechanism under this section, the base distribution rates for residential and commercial customers shall be decoupled to the base distribution revenue and revenue resulting from implementation of section 4928.66 of the Revised Code, excluding program costs and shared savings, and recovered pursuant to an approved electric security plan under section 4928.143 of the Revised Code, as of the twelve-month period ending on December 31, 2018. An application under this division shall not be considered an application under section 4909.18 of the Revised Code. 4  
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(B) The commission shall issue an order approving an 19

application for a decoupling mechanism filed under division (A) of  
this section not later than sixty days after the application is  
filed. In determining that an application is not unjust and  
unreasonable, the commission shall verify that the rate schedule  
or schedules are designed to recover the electric distribution  
utility's 2018 annual revenues as described in division (A) of  
this section and that the decoupling rate design is aligned with  
the rate design of the electric distribution utility's existing  
base distribution rates. The decoupling mechanism shall recover an  
amount equal to the base distribution revenue and revenue  
resulting from implementation of section 4928.66 of the Revised  
Code, excluding program costs and shared savings, and recovered  
pursuant to an approved electric security plan under section  
4928.143 of the Revised Code, as of the twelve-month period ending  
on December 31, 2018. The decoupling mechanism shall be adjusted  
annually thereafter to reconcile any over recovery or under  
recovery from the prior year and to enable an electric  
distribution utility to recover the same level of revenues  
described in division (A) of this section in each year.

(C) The commission's approval of a decoupling mechanism under  
this section shall not affect any other rates, riders, charges,  
schedules, classifications, or services previously approved by the  
commission. The decoupling mechanism shall remain in effect until  
the next time that the electric distribution utility applies for  
and the commission approves base distribution rates for the  
utility under section 4909.18 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the commission determines that approving a decoupling  
mechanism will result in a double recovery by the electric  
distribution utility, the commission shall not approve the  
application unless the utility cures the double recovery.

(E) Divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section shall not 50  
apply to an electric distribution utility that has base 51  
distribution rates that became effective between December 31, 52  
2018, and the effective date of this section pursuant to an 53  
application for an increase in base distribution rates filed under 54  
section 4909.18 of the Revised Code." 55

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.