

**CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD
APPENDIX E**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT

§ 56-581.2. Energy Assistance Assessment.

Each distributor or other provider of billing services shall collect an energy assistance assessment from each of its customers whose billing address is within the Commonwealth in the amount of three cents per month. All energy assistance assessments shall be remitted within thirty days to the Department of Social Services for deposit in the Home Energy Assistance Fund established pursuant to § 63.1-338. Each distributor or other provider of billing services shall reduce collected assessment amounts to the minimum amount necessary to defray costs of collecting the assessments, not to exceed three percent of the amount collected. State and local taxes shall not apply to the energy assistance assessment.