

from section 366(b) of the Senate amendment, with the exception that a time period for continued service of 20 days rather than 10 days is adopted.

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This section gives debtors protection from a cut-off of service by a utility because of the filing of a bankruptcy case. This section is intended to cover utilities that have some special position with respect to the debtor, such as an electric company, gas supplier, or telephone company that is a monopoly in the area so that the debtor cannot easily obtain comparable service from another utility. The utility may not alter, refuse, or discontinue service because of the non-payment of a bill that would be discharged in the bankruptcy case. Subsection (b) protects the utility company by requiring the trustee or the debtor to provide, within ten days, adequate assurance of payment for service provided after the date of the petition.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-260, §1001(h)(2), struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a utility may not alter, refuse, or discontinue service to a debtor who does not furnish adequate assurance of payment under this section if the debtor—

“(1) is an individual;

“(2) makes a payment to the utility for any debt owed to the utility for service provided during the 20-day period beginning on the date of the order for relief; and

“(3) after the date on which the 20-day period beginning on the date of the order for relief ends, makes a payment to the utility for services provided during the pendency of case when such a payment becomes due.”

Pub. L. 116-260, §1001(h)(1), added subsec. (d).

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-8, §417(1), substituted “subsections (b) and (c)” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-8, §417(2), added subsec. (c).

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-353 inserted “of the commencement of a case under this title or” after “basis”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, title X, §1001(h)(2), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3221, provided that the amendment made by section 1001(h)(2) is effective on the date that is 1 year after Dec. 27, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-8 effective 180 days after Apr. 20, 2005, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title before such effective date, except as otherwise provided, see section 1501 of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-353 effective with respect to cases filed 90 days after July 10, 1984, see section 552(a) of Pub. L. 98-353, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**CHAPTER 5—CREDITORS, THE DEBTOR, AND THE ESTATE**

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- 559. Contractual right to liquidate, terminate, or accelerate a repurchase agreement.
- 560. Contractual right to liquidate, terminate, or accelerate a swap agreement.
- 561. Contractual right to terminate, liquidate, accelerate, or offset under a master netting agreement and across contracts; proceedings under chapter 15.
- 562. Timing of damage measure in connection with swap agreements, securities contracts, forward contracts, commodity contracts, repurchase agreements, and master netting agreements.

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-327, §2(a)(50), Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3562, substituted “and master netting agreements” for “or master netting agreements” in item 562.

2005—Pub. L. 109-8, title II, §§227(b), 228(b), 229(b), title VII, §704(b), title IX, §§907(k)(2), (p)(1), 910(a)(2), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 69, 71, 72, 126, 181, 182, 184, added items 511, 526 to 528, 561 and 562 and substituted “Contractual right to liquidate, terminate, or accelerate a securities contract” for “Contractual right to liquidate a securities contract” in item 555, “Contractual right to liquidate, terminate, or accelerate a commodities contract or forward contract” for “Contractual right to liquidate a commodity contract or forward contract” in item 556, “Contractual right to liquidate, terminate, or accelerate a repurchase agreement” for “Contractual right to liquidate a repurchase agreement” in item 559, and “Contractual right to liquidate, terminate, or accelerate a swap agreement” for “Contractual right to terminate a swap agreement” in item 560.