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What other states have found:

- Consumers almost always pay more for competitive supply than they would have paid for service from their utility companies.
- The very small number of consumers who do manage to save money see only minor savings.
- Signs of targeting the poor: A higher percentage of low-income households were signed up to buy competitive supply and the rates were often higher than other non-poor shoppers.

SB 686

- Provides important insight into how consumers, particularly low-income consumers, are faring in the marketplace.
- SB 686 captures the prices actually paid by consumers over the course of the year, rather than only reporting the “teaser” or introductory rates offered by suppliers.
- NCLC supports SB 686.



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