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Legislation targets electricity options

New legislation aims to give Michigan residents more than one option when buying their electricity, though achieving true residential choice will be tough. Michigan's 2000 law that deregulated the electricity market lets customers choose their power provider, though so far alternative suppliers have competed only for business customers and NOT residents. That's partly because state regulators have skewed utilities' rates so residential rates are below the actual cost of providing service while business rates are above cost.