

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Telecommunication rates.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to telecommunications; providing that the
2 public service commission may authorize downward deviations
3 from service rates as specified; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-15-401(a)(v), (vi) and by creating
9 a new paragraph (vii) and 37-15-402 by creating new
10 subsections (e) and (f) are amended to read:

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12 **37-15-401. Commission powers.**

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1 (a) In addition to the powers exercised pursuant to
2 the provisions of W.S. 37-15-408, the commission has the
3 power to:

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5 (v) Hold hearings on complaints, or for good
6 cause, upon notice and subject to the provisions of the
7 Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act;~~and~~

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9 (vi) Regulate telecommunications companies only
10 as provided for in this chapter;~~and~~ and

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12 (vii) Conduct hearings upon petitions to deviate
13 downward from a telecommunications service's total service
14 long-run incremental cost pursuant to W.S. 37-14-402(e).

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16 **37-15-402. Cost based pricing.**

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18 (e) Upon petition by a telecommunications company
19 that provides noncompetitive telecommunications service,
20 the commission may authorize, after notice and hearing, a
21 downward deviation from a service rate that recovers the
22 service's total service long-run incremental cost of
23 providing that service, as required by subsection (a) of

1 this section, if the commission finds that the downward
2 deviation is in the public interest.

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4 (f) Any deviation granted by the commission under
5 subsection (e) of this section shall expire after ten (10)
6 years. The commission may reauthorize a downward deviation
7 upon petition after notice and hearing. Should the
8 commission refuse to reauthorize a deviation or if no
9 reauthorization is requested, the existing price of
10 deviated service may be increased to recover the service's
11 total service long-run incremental cost in the same manner
12 specified in subsection (b) of this section.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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