

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0277

Public service commission-review of rate applications.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Latta, Brechtel, McMurtrey
and Miller

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the public service commission;
2 specifying conditions under which the commission may extend
3 suspension of rates; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-3-106(c) is amended to read:

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9 **37-3-106. Temporary suspension of rates; burden of**
10 **proof; notice of rate changes; bonding; refunding of**
11 **amounts collected in excess of final rates.**

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13 (c) Whenever there is filed with the commission by
14 any public utility any application or tariff proposing a
15 new rate or rates, the commission may, either upon
16 complaint or upon its own initiative, initiate an

1 investigation, hearing, or both, concerning the lawfulness
2 of such rate or rates. Pending its decision thereon, the
3 commission may suspend such rate or rates, before they
4 become effective but not for a longer initial period than
5 six (6) months beyond the time when such rate or rates
6 would otherwise go into effect. The commission shall make a
7 good faith effort to complete its review of the application
8 in the six (6) month period but, if the commission shall
9 thereafter specifically find that a ~~longer time~~ further
10 suspension will be required due to the complexity of the
11 issues, the commission may extend the period of suspension
12 for an additional period or periods not exceeding in the
13 aggregate, three (3) months.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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