SENATE FILE NO. SF0021

Public utilities-net power cost sharing ratio.

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A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; specifying the sharing
- 2 of electric supply costs between a public utility and its
- 3 customers in specified cost-tracking mechanisms; and
- 4 providing for an 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. 37-2-121 is amended to read:

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- 10 37-2-121. When rate to be changed by commission;
- 11 nontraditional rate making.

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- 13 If upon hearing and investigation, any rate shall be found
- 14 by the commission to be inadequate or unremunerative, or to
- 15 be unjust, or unreasonable, or unjustly discriminatory, or

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1 unduly preferential or otherwise in any respect in 2 violation of any provision of this act, the commission, 3 within the time periods provided under W.S. 37-3-106(c) may 4 fix and order substituted therefor a rate as it shall 5 determine to be just and reasonable, and in compliance with the provisions of this act. The rate so ascertained, 6 determined and fixed by the commission shall be charged, 7 8 enforced, collected and observed by the public utility for 9 the period of time fixed by the commission. The rates may 10 contain provisions for incentives for improvement of the 11 public utility's performance or efficiency, lowering of 12 operating costs, control of expenses or improvement and upgrading or modernization of its services or facilities. 13 Any public utility may apply to the commission for its 14 consent to use innovative, incentive or nontraditional rate 15 16 making methods. In conducting any investigation 17 holding any hearing in response thereto, the commission may consider and approve proposals which include any rate, 18 19 service regulation, rate setting concept, 20 development rate, service concept, nondiscriminatory 21 revenue sharing or profit-sharing form of regulation and policy, including policies for the encouragement of the 22 development of public utility infrastructure, services, 23

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1 facilities or plant within the state, which can be shown by

2 substantial evidence to support and be consistent with the

3 public interest. If the commission approves any form of

4 cost-tracking mechanism pursuant to this section for a

5 public utility to recover changes in electric supply costs

6 between rate cases, the mechanism shall provide for a

7 sharing of those costs between the public utility and its

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8 customers.

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10 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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12 (END)

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