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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Public service commission authority-consumer advocate.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; requiring notice by
2 the office of consumer advocate in proceedings in which the
3 office acts as a party; further specifying the public
4 service commission's authority in such proceedings; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-2-402(a)(i) is amended to read:

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11 **37-2-402. Consumer advocate; powers and duties.**

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13 (a) The consumer advocate shall have the power to:

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1 (i) Act as a party in any proceeding before the
2 commission, with the same rights and subject to the same
3 obligations and requirements and limitations on ex parte
4 communications, including confidentiality requirements, as
5 other parties to the proceeding⁺. In any proceeding in
6 which the consumer advocate acts as a party:

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8 (A) The authority of commission staff to
9 conduct discovery shall not be affected;

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11 (B) The consumer advocate shall provide
12 notice of its intent to act as a party to other parties and
13 to the commission and shall withdraw as a party only upon
14 notice to the commission and other parties. The commission
15 may specify requirements for notice under this subparagraph
16 and may impose conditions upon the withdrawal as necessary
17 to ensure the commission's ability to conduct the
18 proceeding is not adversely affected.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
21 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
22 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
23 Constitution.

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