

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 169(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/18/00

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to electric and telephone cooperatives, including expansion
2 activities and political activities of electric and telephone cooperatives; and
3 providing for an effective date."

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 * Section 1. AS 10.25.010 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (c) An electric or telephone cooperative may only include the cost of
7 expansion activity in its rates to a member if the cooperative, in advance,

8 (1) advised its members that a portion of the rates would be used for
9 expansion activities;

10 (2) identified for members how much of the rate would be used for
11 expansion activities;

12 (3) advised members that the cooperative would not discriminate
13 against or refuse to serve a member who opposed including the cost of expansion
14 activity in rates; and

1 (4) received approval of a majority of the cooperative's board of
2 directors for including the cost of expansion activity in rates.

3 (d) An electric or telephone cooperative may only include the cost of political
4 activity in its rates to a member if the cooperative, in advance,

5 (1) advised its members that a portion of the rates would be used for
6 political activities;

7 (2) identified for members how much of the rate would be used for
8 political activities;

9 (3) advised members that the cooperative would not discriminate
10 against or refuse to serve a member who opposed including the cost of political
11 activity in rates; and

12 (4) received approval of a majority of the cooperative's board of
13 directors for including the cost of political activity in rates.

14 (e) This section may not be construed to modify or change the provisions of
15 AS 15.13.074 or AS 42.05.381(a).

16 (f) In this section,

17 (1) "expansion activity" means an activity that is intended to attract
18 customers for service to an electric or telephone cooperative from customers of another
19 public utility;

20 (2) "political activity" means an activity intended to advocate for a
21 political or policy position not directly related to the certificated services of the
22 cooperative.

23 * **Sec. 2.** AS 42.05.381 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (k) A telephone or electric cooperative may only include the cost of expansion
25 activity or political activity, as defined in AS 10.25.010, in its rates if it has complied
26 with AS 10.25.010.

27 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).