

SENATE BILL NO. 224

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 2/12/24

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the calculation of the regulatory cost charge for public utilities and**
2 **pipeline carriers; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 42.05.254(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A regulated public utility or a certificated utility that provides
6 telecommunications services operating in the state shall pay to the commission an
7 annual regulatory cost charge in an amount not to exceed the maximum percentage of
8 adjusted gross revenue that applies to the utility sector of which the utility is a part.
9 The regulatory cost charges that the commission expects to collect from all regulated
10 utilities and certificated utilities providing telecommunications services may not
11 exceed the sum of the following percentages of the total adjusted gross revenue of all
12 regulated public utilities and certificated utilities providing telecommunications
13 services derived from operations in the state: (1) not more than .98 [.7] percent to fund
14 the operations of the commission, and (2) not more than .22 [.17] percent to fund

1 operations of the public advocacy function under AS 42.04.070(c) and
2 AS 44.23.020(e) within the Department of Law. An exempt utility that does not
3 provide telecommunications services shall pay the actual cost of services provided to
4 it by the commission.

5 * **Sec. 2.** AS 42.06.286(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A pipeline carrier operating in the state shall pay to the commission an
7 annual regulatory cost charge in an amount not to exceed the sum of the following
8 percentages of gross revenue derived from operations in the state: (1) not more than
9 .98 [.7] percent to fund the operations of the commission, and (2) not more than .22
10 [.17] percent to fund operations of the public advocacy function under
11 AS 42.04.070(c) and AS 44.23.020(e) within the Department of Law. A regulatory
12 cost charge may not be assessed on pipeline carrier operations unless the operations
13 are within the jurisdiction of the commission.

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