

SENATE BILL NO. 16

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR MYERS

Introduced: 1/22/25

Referred: Labor and Commerce, State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a simplified rate filing procedure for refuse utility rate adjustments;**
2 **relating to Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations regarding refuse utilities; and**
3 **providing for an effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 42.05.381(e) is amended to read:

6 (e) The commission shall adopt regulations for electric cooperatives, [AND
7 FOR] local exchange telephone utilities, and refuse utilities, setting a range for
8 adjustment of rates by a simplified rate filing procedure. A cooperative, [OR]
9 telephone utility, or refuse utility may apply for permission to adjust its rates over a
10 period of time under the simplified rate filing procedure regulations. The commission
11 shall grant the application if the cooperative, [OR] telephone utility, or refuse utility
12 satisfies the requirements of the regulations. The commission shall adopt
13 regulations specific to refuse utilities that provide for sufficient public notice and
14 an opportunity for ratepayers to meaningfully comment on rate filings. The

1 commission may review implementation of the simplified rate filing procedure at
2 reasonable intervals and may revoke permission to use the procedure or require
3 modification of the rates to correct an error. **In this subsection, "refuse utility"**
4 **means a utility furnishing collection and disposal service of garbage, refuse,**
5 **trash, or other waste material to the public for compensation.**

6 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).