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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 318

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public utility rates."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 42.05.381(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) All rates demanded or received by a public utility, or by any
10 two or more public utilities jointly, for a service furnished or to be
11 furnished shall be just and reasonable; however

12 (1) no rate may include an allowance for costs of advertising
13 or public relations except for reasonable amounts spent for

14 (A) energy conservation efforts;

15 (B) business promotion specifically allowed by the
16 commission on good cause shown in a market area in which the
17 utility is in direct competition for its product or service;

18 (C) public information designed to promote more effi-
19 cient use of the utility's facilities or services or to protect the
20 physical plant of the utility;

21 (D) informing members of a cooperative of meetings of
22 the utility and encouraging attendance; or

23 (E) emergency situations to the extent and under the
24 circumstances authorized by the commission for good cause shown;

25 (2) no rate may contain a surcharge or other additional charge
26 uncertain in amount whether the surcharge or other additional charge is
27 for compensation to the utility for increased costs or for other
28 purposes unless

29 (A) the charge is a fuel cost adjustment charge and is

1 limited to the direct cost of fuel;

2 (B) the charge is billed at a single uniform rate per
3 kilowatt-hour, per mcf, or comparable unit of measurement used by
4 the customer;

5 (C) the rate provides for an equivalent credit if the
6 actual fuel cost is less than the base fuel cost;

7 (D) the charge is subject to at least annual audit by
8 the commission with a requirement that any amounts charged in
9 excess of that authorized be refunded to the customer.