

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 272

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the exercise of regulatory powers
7 by the Alaska Public Utilities Commission; and pro-
8 viding for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 42.05.141(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The Alaska Public Utilities Commission may

12 (1) regulate every public utility engaged or proposing to
13 engage in such a business inside the state, except to the extent
14 exempted by AS 42.05.711; in exercising its authority, the commission
15 has the powers expressly conferred or reasonably implied by this
16 chapter [, AND THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE LIBERALLY CON-
17 STRUED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS STATED PURPOSES];

18 (2) investigate, upon complaint or upon its own motion, the
19 rates, classifications, rules, regulations, practices, services and
20 facilities of a public utility and hold hearings on them;

21 (3) make or require just, fair and reasonable rates,
22 classifications, regulations, practices, services and facilities for a
23 public utility;

24 (4) prescribe the system of accounts and regulate the
25 service and safety of operations of a public utility;

26 (5) require a public utility to file reports and other
27 information and data;

28 (6) appear personally or by counsel and represent the
29 interests and welfare of the state in all matters and proceedings

1 involving a public utility pending before an officer, department,
2 board, commission or court of the state or of another state or the
3 United States and to intervene in, protest, resist, or advocate the
4 granting, denial or modification of any petition, application,
5 complaint or other proceeding;

6 (7) examine witnesses and offer evidence in any proceeding
7 affecting the state and initiate or participate in judicial proceed-
8 ings to the extent necessary to protect and promote the interests of
9 the state.

10 * Sec. 2. The amendment to AS 42.05.141(a), made by sec. 1 of this Act,
11 does not apply to a proceeding begun before the effective date of this Act.

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