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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 168

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to simplified regulation of local
7 exchange telephone utilities; and relating to sus-
8 pending the operation of tariff filings."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 42.05.381 is amended by adding a new subsection to
11 read:

12 (f) The commission shall adopt regulations for a simplified rate
13 filing procedure for local exchange telephone utilities. The regu-
14 lations must allow a local exchange telephone utility to apply for
15 permission to adjust its rates by not more than 10 percent during a
16 period of 12 consecutive months. The commission shall grant the
17 application if the utility satisfies the requirements of the regu-
18 lations. The commission may review implementation of the simplified
19 rate filing procedure at reasonable intervals and may revoke permis-
20 sion to use the procedure or require modification of the rates to
21 correct an error or for other good cause.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 42.05.421(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) When a tariff filing is made containing a new or revised
24 rate, classification, rule, regulation, practice, or condition of
25 service the commission may, either upon written complaint or upon its
26 own motion, after reasonable notice, conduct a hearing to determine
27 the reasonableness and propriety of the filing. Pending the [SUCH A]
28 hearing the commission may, by order stating the reasons for its
29 action, suspend the operation of the tariff filing for a period not

1 longer than

2 (1) [AN INITIAL PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN] six months before
3 an interim rate equal to the requested rate goes into effect and not
4 longer than one year before a permanent rate goes [BEYOND THE TIME
5 WHEN IT WOULD OTHERWISE GO] into effect if the annual gross revenues
6 of the utility making the filing are more than \$3,000,000; and

7 (2) [NOT LONGER THAN] 150 days before an interim rate equal
8 to the requested new rate goes into effect and not longer than one
9 year before a permanent rate goes into effect if the annual gross
10 revenues of the utility making the filing are \$3,000,000 or less.