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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to simplified regulation of local exchange telephone utilities; and relating to suspending the operation of tariff filings.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 10

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: June 4, 1990
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AN ACT

Relating to simplified regulation of local exchange telephone utilities; and relating to suspending the operation of tariff filings.

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

(e) The commission shall adopt regulations for electric cooperatives and for local exchange telephone utilities setting a range for adjustment of rates by a simplified rate filing procedure. A cooperative or telephone utility may apply for permission to adjust its rates over a period of time under the simplified rate filing procedure regulations. The commission shall grant the application if the cooperative or telephone utility satisfies the requirements of the regulations. The commission may review implementation of the simplified rate filing procedure at reasonable intervals and may revoke permission to use the procedure or require modification of the rates to correct an error.

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

(a) When a tariff filing is made containing a new or revised rate, classification, rule, regulation, practice, or condition of service the commission may, either upon written complaint or upon its own motion, after reasonable notice, conduct a hearing to determine the reasonableness and propriety of the filing. Pending the hearing the commission may, by order stating the reasons for its action, suspend the operation of the tariff filing. For a tariff filing that

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1 does not change the utility's revenue requirement or rate design, the
2 suspension may last for a period not longer than six months beyond the
3 effective date established in the tariff filing unless the commission
4 extends the period for good cause. For a tariff filing that changes
5 the utility's revenue requirement or rate design, the suspension may
6 last, unless the commission extends the period for good cause, for a
7 period not longer than

8 (1) [AN INITIAL PERIOD NOT LONGER THAN] six months before
9 an interim rate equal to the requested rate goes into effect and not
10 longer than 12 months before a permanent rate goes [BEYOND THE TIME
11 WHEN IT WOULD OTHERWISE GO] into effect if the annual gross revenues
12 of the utility making the filing are more than \$3,000,000; and

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