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By Representatives DeBolt, Poulsen, Mastin, Hankins and Kessler; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the time required for public notice of  
2 telecommunications rate reductions; and reenacting and amending RCW  
3 80.36.110.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.36.110 and 1989 c 152 s 2 and 1989 c 101 s 10 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, unless  
8 the commission otherwise orders, no change shall be made in any rate,  
9 toll, rental, or charge, (~~which shall have been~~) that was filed and  
10 published by any telecommunications company in compliance with the  
11 requirements of RCW 80.36.100, except after thirty days' notice to the  
12 commission and publication for thirty days as required in the case of  
13 original schedules in RCW 80.36.100, which notice shall plainly state  
14 the changes proposed to be made in the schedule then in force, and the  
15 time when the changed rate, toll, or charge will go into effect, and  
16 all proposed changes shall be shown by printing, filing and publishing  
17 new schedules, or shall be plainly indicated upon the schedules in  
18 force at the time and kept open to public inspection. Proposed changes  
19 may be suspended by the commission within thirty days or before the

1 stated effective date of the proposed change, whichever is later. The  
2 commission for good cause shown may allow changes in rates, charges,  
3 tolls, or rentals without requiring the thirty days' notice and  
4 publication (~~herein~~) provided for in this section, by an order  
5 specifying the change (~~to~~) to be made and the time when it (~~shall~~)  
6 takes effect, and the manner in which the (~~same shall~~) change will be  
7 filed and published. When any change is made in any rate, toll,  
8 rental, or charge, the effect of which is to increase any rate, toll,  
9 rental, or charge then existing, attention shall be directed on the  
10 copy filed with the commission to (~~such~~) the increase by some  
11 character immediately preceding or following the item in (~~such~~) the  
12 schedule, which character shall be in such a form as the commission may  
13 designate.

14 (2) A telecommunications company may file a tariff that decreases  
15 any rate, charge, rental, or toll with ten days' notice to the  
16 commission and publication without receiving a special order from the  
17 commission when the filing does not contain an offsetting increase to  
18 another rate, charge, rental, or toll, and the filing company agrees  
19 not to file for an increase to any rate, charge, rental, or toll to  
20 recover the revenue deficit that results from the decrease for a period  
21 of one year.

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