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By Representatives Poulsen, Crouse, H. Sommers and Delvin; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to public service companies; amending RCW 80.24.010  
2 and 80.24.020; and adding a new section to chapter 80.24 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.24.010 and 1994 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every public service company subject to regulation by the  
7 commission shall, on or before the date specified by the commission for  
8 filing annual reports under RCW 80.04.080, file with the commission a  
9 statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate  
10 operations for the preceding calendar year or portion thereof and pay  
11 to the commission a regulatory fee (~~equal to one-tenth of one percent~~  
12 ~~of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus~~  
13 ~~two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of~~  
14 ~~fifty thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That the fee shall in no case be~~  
15 ~~less than one dollar.~~

16 ~~The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any~~  
17 ~~year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies~~  
18 ~~subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before~~  
19 ~~March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be~~

1 ~~classified as follows:))~~ at the rate established by the commission  
2 under subsection (2) of this section.

3 (2) Regulatory fees to be paid in any year shall be established by  
4 general order of the commission before March 1st of the year.  
5 Regulatory fees shall be levied as a percentage of gross operating  
6 revenue and shall not exceed the following rates:

7 (a) Electrical, gas, water, (~~telecommunications,~~) and irrigation  
8 companies, which shall constitute class one(~~(-)~~): One-tenth of one  
9 percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue,  
10 plus two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess  
11 of fifty thousand dollars, but in any event not less than one hundred  
12 dollars;

13 (b) Telecommunications companies, which shall constitute class two:  
14 Three-tenths of one percent of gross operating revenue, but in any  
15 event not less than one hundred dollars;

16 (c) Every other company subject to regulation by the commission,  
17 for which regulatory fees are not otherwise fixed by law (~~shall pay~~  
18 fees as herein provided and), which shall constitute additional  
19 classes according to kinds of businesses engaged in: One-tenth of one  
20 percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue,  
21 plus two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess  
22 of fifty thousand dollars, but in any event not less than one hundred  
23 dollars.

24 (3) Any payment of the fee imposed by this section made after its  
25 due date shall include a late fee of (~~(two))~~ ten percent of the amount  
26 due. Delinquent fees shall accrue interest at the rate of one percent  
27 per month.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 80.24 RCW  
29 to read as follows:

30 The commission may establish by rule fees for specific transactions  
31 or filings. The commission shall maintain a record of the revenues  
32 collected from the fees from each class of public service companies and  
33 shall consider such revenues in fixing the regulatory fees for each  
34 class under RCW 80.24.010.

35 Sec. 3. RCW 80.24.020 and 1961 c 14 s 80.24.020 are each amended  
36 to read as follows:

1        In fixing the percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be  
2 paid in any year, the commission shall consider all moneys then in the  
3 public service revolving fund and the fees currently to be paid into  
4 such fund, including any fees collected under section 2 of this act, to  
5 the end that the fees collected from the several classes of companies  
6 shall be approximately the same as the reasonable cost of supervising  
7 and regulating such classes of companies.

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