
SENATE BILL 6262

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By Senators Rasmussen, Morton and Brown

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to notice of tariff changes by water companies;
2 amending RCW 80.28.060; creating a new section; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.28.060 and 1989 c 152 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Unless the commission otherwise orders, no change shall be made in
8 any rate or charge or in any form of contract or agreement or in any
9 rule or regulation relating to any rate, charge or service, or in any
10 general privilege or facility which shall have been filed and published
11 by a gas company, electrical company or water company in compliance
12 with the requirements of RCW 80.28.050 except after thirty days' notice
13 to the commission, and in the case of water companies only, sixty days'
14 notice to the commission and to individual ratepayers, and publication
15 for thirty days, which notice shall plainly state the changes proposed
16 to be made in the schedule then in force and the time when the change
17 will go into effect and all proposed changes shall be shown by
18 printing, filing and publishing new schedules, or shall be plainly
19 indicated upon the schedules in force at the time and kept open to

1 public inspection. Proposed changes may be suspended by the commission
2 within thirty days or before the stated effective date of the proposed
3 change, whichever is later. The commission, for good cause shown, may
4 allow changes without requiring the thirty days' notice by duly filing,
5 in such manner as it may direct, an order specifying the changes so to
6 be made and the time when it shall take effect. All such changes shall
7 be immediately indicated upon its schedules by the company affected.
8 When any change is made in any rate or charge, form of contract or
9 agreement, or any rule or regulation relating to any rate or charge or
10 service, or in any general privilege or facility, the effect of which
11 is to increase any rate or charge, then in existence, attention shall
12 be directed on the copy filed with the commission to such increase by
13 some character immediately preceding or following the item in such
14 schedule, such character to be in form as designated by the commission.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act does not affect any existing right
16 acquired, or liability or obligation incurred under the section amended
17 in this act or under any rule or order adopted under that section, nor
18 does it affect any proceeding instituted under that section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2000.

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