HOUSE BILL NO. HB0141

Telecommunications-cost studies.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Ross and Illoway and Senator(s) Case

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; modifying a filing
- 2 requirement for telecommunications companies as specified;
- 3 and providing for an effective date.

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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-15-402(a) is amended to read:

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9 37-15-402. Cost based pricing.

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- 11 (a) Services provided by a telecommunications company
- 12 that provides noncompetitive services shall be priced such
- 13 to ensure that the service's revenues from sale of the
- 14 service recover the total service long-run incremental cost
- 15 of providing that service, except as provided for in this
- 16 section. Total service long-run incremental cost studies

1 used by a telecommunications company shall be filed with 2 the commission on an annual basis at the time and every 3 three (3) years unless required by the commission more 4 frequently. All total service long-run incremental cost 5 studies required pursuant to this section shall be filed in the form required by commission rule and under protective 6 order as a trade secret and shall be subject to commission 7 review and approval. Telecommunications companies having 8 9 fewer than thirty thousand (30,000) access lines in the 10 state are exempt from the requirement to file cost studies 11 on an annual basis every three (3) years, but do remain 12 subject to the commission powers in W.S. 37-15-401(a)(iv). 13 A telecommunications company having fewer than thirty 14 thousand (30,000) access lines in the state may utilize a 15 reasonable total service long-run incremental cost study 16 surrogate, in lieu of conducting its own study, based on 17 cost studies as are available for comparable, including 18 nonregulated, telecommunications companies in this state or 19 other states.

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21 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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23 (END)

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