

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 that the service's revenues from sale of the service  
14 recover the total service long-run incremental cost of  
15 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 five (5) years, provided that the telecommunications  
4 company may be required by the commission to file  
5 additional cost studies, not more often than once every two  
6 (2) years if the commission finds upon investigation that  
7 the telecommunications company may have experienced  
8 significant changes in its costs. All total service long-  
9 run incremental cost studies required pursuant to this  
10 section shall be filed in the form required by commission  
11 rule and under protective order as a trade secret and shall  
12 be subject to commission review and approval.  
13 Telecommunications companies having fewer than thirty  
14 thousand (30,000) access lines in the state are exempt from  
15 the requirement to file cost studies ~~on an annual basis~~  
16 every five (5) years, but do remain subject to the  
17 commission powers in W.S. 37-15-401(a)(iv). A  
18 telecommunications company having fewer than thirty  
19 thousand (30,000) access lines in the state may utilize a  
20 reasonable total service long-run incremental cost study  
21 surrogate, in lieu of conducting its own study, based on  
22 cost studies as are available for comparable, including  
23 nonregulated, telecommunications companies in this state or  
24 other states.

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

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