Electricity rates for costs that do not benefit Wyoming.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL for

AN ACT relating to public utilities; specifying that costs of interstate electric public utilities that do not benefit Wyoming ratepayers may be excluded from costs apportioned to Wyoming; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 37-3-119 is created to read:

37-3-119. Apportionment of costs to Wyoming ratepayers.
In determining just and reasonable rates under this chapter for an interstate electric public utility where a portion of system costs are apportioned to Wyoming ratepayers, the public service commission shall exclude any system costs from rate determinations that do not have a benefit to ratepayers in Wyoming. Costs that may be excluded include the capital costs associated with facilities that are built to meet a specific mix of electricity generation technologies required by other states or entities outside of Wyoming. The public service commission may approve a reduced apportionment of costs to Wyoming ratepayers to the extent that system costs are used to serve Wyoming ratepayers but which relate to facilities that were built at a higher cost than potential alternative sources of electricity, as determined by the commission, because those alternative sources of electricity may not have met electricity service requirements established by other states or entities outside of Wyoming.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2024.