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HOUSE BILL NO. 515 VINCENT

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GIVING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF A REGULATED UTILITY; AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THAT PURPOSE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Production of information. (1) Whenever the commission considers an independent audit of a public utility necessary, it may, for purposes of conducting the audit, require, by order or subpoena, the production within this state of any:

- (a) books;
(b) accounts;
(c) papers;
(d) records;
(e) verified copies of the material listed in items

(1)(a) through (1)(d); or

(f) other information, including information pertaining to the method used by the utility in collecting requested information.

(2) A subpoena issued pursuant to subsection (1) shall

be served in the same manner as a summons in a civil action in district court.

(3) This section applies to information kept by a utility in any office or place within or without the state.

(4) The audit may be conducted by the commission or under its direction.

Section 2. Appropriation. In order that it may conduct any audits it considers necessary pursuant to [section 1], there is appropriated to the public service commission \$200,000 from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1983.

Section 3. Codification instruction. Section 1 is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, part 1, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, apply to section 1.

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