

House Bill 515

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1 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."

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

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

16 (a) books;
17 (b) accounts;
18 (c) papers;
19 (d) records;

20 (e) verified copies of the material listed in items
21 (1)(a) through (1)(d); or

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

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

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

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

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

7 Section 2. Appropriation. In order that it may conduct
8 any audits it considers necessary pursuant to [section 1],
9 there is appropriated to the public service commission
10 \$200,000 from the general fund for the biennium ending June
11 30, 1983.

12 Section 3. Codification instruction. Section 1 is
13 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69,
14 chapter 3, part 1, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter
15 3, apply to section 1.

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