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SENATE BILL NO. 147
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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE UPDATING OF GENERAL RATE ORDERS BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN COSTS OR EXPENSES; AMENDING SECTION 69-3-323, MCA."

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

Section 1. Section 69-3-323, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-323. Complaint by public utility. (1) Any public utility may make complaint as to any matter affecting its own product or service with like effect as though made by any mercantile, agricultural, or manufacturing society; body politic or municipal organization; or person. Notice of the hearing upon any such complaint shall be given to the persons interested in such manner as the commission may by rule prescribe.

(2) A public utility may, at any time within 2 years from the entry of a final order of the commission setting rates and charges in a general rate case, file a complaint based upon known and measurable changes in an item or items of cost or expense. The commission shall adjust its rates and charges on a uniform basis to reflect such changes based upon its findings contained in the final order previously

entered. Hearing upon such a complaint is upon notice, is limited to the issues of known and measurable changes, and shall be conducted on an expedited basis not to exceed 3 months from the filing of a complaint or application."

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