

Senate Bill 147

In The Senate

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

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

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

11           "69-3-323. Complaint by public utility. ~~111~~ Any public

12           utility may make complaint as to any matter affecting its

13           own product or service with like effect as though made by

14           any mercantile, agricultural, or manufacturing society; body

15           politic or municipal organization; or person. Notice of the

16           hearing upon any such complaint shall be given to the

17           persons interested in such manner as the commission may by

18           rule prescribe.

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

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

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