SENATE BILL NO. 419

Introduced: 02/15/83

Referred to Committee on Business & Industry: 02/15/83 Hearing: 2/18/83

On Motion, 2/22/83, that The bill Be Printed And Placed On 2nd Reading. Motion Failed.

Died in Committee.

TRANSFERS MADE BY A PUBLIC UTILITY MUST BE APPROVED IN

ADVANCE BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION."

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

Section 1. Prior approval by commission of public utility asset conveyances. (1) A public utility may not, other than in the regular course of business, convey any asset that was acquired in whole or in part with ratepayers, money without the prior approval of the commission.

- (2) The commission may not approve any such conveyance unless it finds that the conveyance will not materially and adversely affect the public utility's ability to provide reasonably adequate services and facilities at a reasonable and just charge.
- (3) The commission may inquire, pursuant to 69-3-106, into the management of a public utility in order to determine the source of the funds used to acquire any asset.

Section 2. Codification instruction. Section 1 is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, apply to section 1.

INTRODUCED BILL