

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0041

Public service commission fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; amending various
2 public service commission fees and charges; providing for
3 disposition of fees and charges; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-1-105(a) and 37-2-125(a)(i)
9 through (iii), (v) through (vii), (ix) and (b) are amended
10 to read:

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12 **37-1-105. Application for reorganization; fees;**
13 **reimbursement of costs and expenses to state; expenses not**
14 **to be included in rates.**

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1 (a) Every applicant for approval of a reorganization
2 by the public service commission under this act shall pay a
3 filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each
4 application and ten dollars (\$10.00) plus ten cents (\$.10)
5 per page for every amendment to any application. ~~These fees~~
6 ~~shall be deposited in the general fund.~~ In addition the
7 applicant shall reimburse the state for the expenses of the
8 state in reviewing and acting upon each application and
9 defending any public service commission decision in case of
10 legal appeal. The expenses of the state shall not be
11 deemed to include the normal salary and benefits of the
12 public service commissioners but shall include
13 substantially all other actual expenses of the state in
14 connection with the application. The public service
15 commission may require the applicant to post a bond or make
16 a prepayment to assure the required reimbursement. No
17 charge for expenses in connection with any application
18 under this act may be included in the rates charged to
19 Wyoming customers. The reimbursements and fees collected
20 pursuant to this section shall be deposited in ~~a trust and~~
21 ~~agency~~ an account within the special revenue fund and may
22 be expended by the public service commission following
23 appropriations by the legislature.

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37-2-125. Collection and disposition of fees.

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(a) The public service commission is hereby authorized and empowered in the conduct of business coming before it to collect in advance the following fees:

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(i) For filing ~~application~~ applications for ~~permit, five dollars (\$5.00)~~ tariff revisions, sixty dollars (\$60.00) and for certificate of public convenience and necessity, ~~fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~ sixty dollars (\$60.00);

(ii) For filing applications for amendment or assignment of certificates of public convenience and necessity, ~~five dollars (\$5.00)~~ sixty dollars (\$60.00);

(iii) For filing ~~contests, five dollars (\$5.00)~~ rate cases and all other applications, unless another fee is specified by statute, sixty dollars (\$60.00), provided that no fee shall be charged for the filing by the customer of a complaint against a public utility;

1 (v) For copies of records, judgments, and
2 orders, one dollar (\$1.00) for the first ~~one hundred (100)~~
3 ~~words~~ page, and twenty-five cents (\$.25) per ~~folio~~ page for
4 each subsequent ~~folio~~ page, and if certified under seal,
5 ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) additional;

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7 (vi) For issuing summons or subpoenas, ~~one~~
8 ~~dollar (\$1.00)~~ ten dollars (\$10.00) each;

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10 (vii) For service of summons or subpoenas by
11 registered mail, ~~fifty cents (\$.50)~~ five dollars (\$5.00)
12 and for personal service, by a person authorized to make
13 such service, the same fee that sheriffs receive for such
14 service;

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16 (ix) For petitions filed under ~~section 37-66,~~
17 ~~Wyoming Statutes, 1957 W.S. 37-6-102,~~ fifteen dollars
18 ~~(\$15.00)~~ sixty dollars (\$60.00) each.

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20 (b) All fees and costs collected by the commission
21 shall be paid to the state treasurer as collected, and
22 shall be credited to ~~the general fund~~ an account within the
23 special revenue fund and may be expended by the commission
24 following appropriations by the legislature.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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