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ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0288

ENROLLED ACT NO. 122, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to utilities; providing for issuance of certificates of authority for construction of high voltage electric lines by segments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 37-2-205 by creating a new subsection (h) is amended to read:

37-2-205. Certificate of convenience and necessity; hearings.

(h) Notwithstanding subsection (f) of this section, the commission may authorize the construction of segments of a transmission line before right-of-way is acquired for an entire transmission line provided that:

(i) The public utility has satisfied all requirements for the issuance of a certificate except subsection (f) of this section;

(ii) The public utility has obtained all required right-of-way within the authorized segment;

(iii) Authorization to construct the transmission line within the authorized segment shall not exceed ten (10) miles from the advancing end of an authorized segment, provided that the commission may waive the ten (10) mile limitation if the transmission line segment is:

(A) Located entirely between substations or switching stations;

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(B) Located between a substation or switching station and the state line; or

(C) Located entirely within state or federal land.

(iv) Notice has been provided to all private property owners along the entire length of the proposed transmission line;

(v) The commission provides an opportunity for private property owners who are adversely affected by the location of the segment an opportunity to be heard before the authorization of a segment concerning the location of the segment or the impact of any future extension of the transmission line. ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>0288</u>

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk