

SENATE FILE NO. SF0136

Required public service commission considerations.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Perkins, Dockstader, Driskill and
Landen and Representative(s) Gray

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; requiring the public
2 service commission to consider reliability and cost
3 externalities; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-2-122(a) and by creating a new
8 subsection (e) is amended to read:

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10 **37-2-122. Matters considered in fixing rates; order**
11 **changing services or facilities; qualifying facilities**
12 **contracts.**

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14 (a) In determining what are just and reasonable rates
15 the commission may take into consideration availability ~~or~~

1 and reliability of service, depreciation of plant,
2 technological obsolescence of equipment, expense of
3 operation, physical and other values of the plant, system,
4 business and properties of the public utility whose rates
5 are under consideration. In determining just and reasonable
6 rates for electricity the commission shall consider common
7 sets of facts developed pursuant to W.S. 37-2-114(b)(i) and
8 regional benefits provided by the utility.

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10 (e) The commission may, in all matters relating to
11 plans, proposals or applications for authority to construct
12 or retire major facilities having any immediate or
13 potential effect on rates charged to customers or to
14 recover through rates any cost thereof, consider
15 reliability and cost externalities incurred by the state of
16 Wyoming, including but not limited to economic, employment
17 and viewshed impacts.

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19 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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