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H.B. No. 1597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to tariff filings of telecommunications providers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.251, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. REQUIRED REPORTS AND FILINGS; RECORDS

Sec. 52.251. TARIFF FILINGS. (a) A public utility shall file with the commission a tariff showing each rate that is:

(1) subject to the commission's jurisdiction; and

(2) in effect for a utility service, product, or commodity offered by the utility.

(b) The public utility shall file as a part of the tariff required under Subsection (a) each rule that relates to or affects:

(1) a rate of the utility; or

(2) a utility service, product, or commodity furnished by the utility.

(c) For purposes of this section, "public utility" is defined as:

(1) A public utility as defined by Section 51.002(8) Utilities Code,

(2) A trade association, as defined by Section 11.003(21), Utilities Code, or

(3) One or more affiliates, as defined by Section 11.003(2), Utilities Code.

1       (d) If within sixty (60) days after receiving the tariff  
2 application the Commission does not either approve the tariff  
3 application, reject the tariff application, or request  
4 supplemental information, the tariff application shall be deemed  
5 approved. If the Commission requests supplemental information,  
6 the public utility has fifteen (15) days to provide the Commission  
7 with such supplemental information. If within thirty (30) days  
8 after receiving the supplemental information, the Commission does  
9 not either approve the tariff application or reject the tariff  
10 application, the tariff application shall be deemed approved.

11       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.