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H.B. No. 2344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the access charges of certain telecommunications
3 utilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 52.155(a), Utilities Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) A telecommunications utility that holds a certificate
8 of operating authority or a service provider certificate of
9 operating authority may not charge a higher amount for originating
10 or terminating intrastate switched access than the prevailing rates
11 charged by holders of certificates [~~the holder of the certificate~~]
12 of convenience and necessity that have comparable numbers of access
13 lines in this state or by the holder of a certificate of operating
14 authority issued under Chapter 65 in whose territory the call
15 originated or terminated unless:

16 (1) the commission specifically approves the higher
17 rate; or

18 (2) subject to commission review, the
19 telecommunications utility establishes statewide average composite
20 originating and terminating intrastate switched access rates based
21 on a reasonable approximation of traffic originating and
22 terminating between all holders of certificates of convenience and
23 necessity in this state.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.