

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 719  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 6, 2009; February 25, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;  
1-4 April 14, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the rates charged by a water and sewer utility.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 13.043, Water Code, is  
1-11 amended to read as follows:

1-12 (h) The commission or executive director may~~[, on a motion~~  
1-13 ~~by the executive director or by the appellant under Subsection (a),~~  
1-14 ~~(b), or (f) of this section,~~] establish interim rates to be in  
1-15 effect until a final decision is made in an appeal filed under  
1-16 Subsection (a), (b), or (f).

1-17 SECTION 2. Subsections (b) and (1), Section 13.187, Water  
1-18 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-19 (b) A copy of the statement of intent shall be mailed or  
1-20 delivered to the appropriate offices of each affected municipality,  
1-21 to the executive director, and to any ~~[other]~~ affected persons as  
1-22 required by the regulatory authority's rules.

1-23 (1) At any time during the pendency of the rate proceeding  
1-24 the regulatory authority or, if the regulatory authority is the  
1-25 commission, the executive director, may fix interim rates to remain  
1-26 in effect until a final determination is made on the proposed rate.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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