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H.B. No. 1663

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to timing and frequency with which a public utility may  
3 file for a rate change application.

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

5 SECTION 1. 13.187, Water Code, is amended as follows:

6 (p) Except to implement a rate adjustment provision  
7 approved by the regulatory authority by rule or ordinance, as  
8 applicable, or to adjust the rates of a newly acquired utility  
9 system, a utility or two or more utilities under common control and  
10 ownership may not file a statement of intent to increase its rates  
11 for the same customer more than once in a 12-month period, unless  
12 the regulatory authority determines that a financial hardship  
13 exists. If the regulatory authority requires the utility to  
14 deliver a corrected statement of intent, the utility is not  
15 considered to be in violation of the 12-month filing requirement.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.