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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.

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

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