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PUBLIC SERVICE COMN: Provides for notice of a rate change by a common carrier or public utility

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 45:1163.1(B), relative to notice of proposed rate changes by a 3 common carrier or public utility; to provide for the application of a rate change; to 4 provide for notice to consumers; to provide for the contents of the notice; to provide 5 for transmission of the notice; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 45:1163.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §1163.1. Common carrier or public utility rate increases under protective bond or 9 security; definitions; notice required; procedure for filing bonds; 10 refunds 11 12 B.(1) Whenever a common carrier or public utility files with the Louisiana 13 Public Service Commission a proposed schedule and a full decision is not rendered 14 within twelve months after the effective filing date, the proposed rate increase may 15 be implemented by the common carrier or public utility, in whole or in part, by filing 16 with the commission protective bond or security to assure full refund. The 17 commission may challenge the bond in the district court of the domicile of the 18 commission. If the judgment of the court holds the bond insufficient or invalid, the 19 procedures and time limitations set forth in Code of Civil Procedure Articles 5124-

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I	(2) The common carrier or public utility shall give notice of a proposed rate
2	increase made pursuant to this Subsection to each affected consumer. Such notice
3	may either accompany the consumer's billing statement or be mailed separately, and
4	shall include all of the following:
5	(a) The proposed new rate schedule that will apply to the consumer.
6	(b) The existing rate schedule.
7	(c) The date the rate schedule was last changed.
8	(d) The stated reason for the proposed rate increase.
9	(e) A description of where the consumer can obtain further information
10	regarding the proposal.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for notice of a proposed rate change by a common carrier or public utility.

<u>Present law</u> provides that whenever a common carrier or public utility files with the Louisiana Public Service Commission a proposed schedule and a full decision is not rendered within twelve months after the effective filing date, the proposed rate increase may be implemented by the common carrier or public utility, in whole or in part, by filing with the commission protective bond or security to assure full refund.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the commission may challenge the bond in the district court of the domicile of the commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if the judgment of the court holds the bond insufficient or invalid, the procedures and time limitations set forth in <u>present law</u> shall apply.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that the common carrier or public utility shall give notice of a proposed rate increase made pursuant to <u>present law</u> to each affected consumer.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that notice may either accompany the consumer's billing statement or be mailed separately, and must include all of the following:

- (1) The proposed new rate schedule that will apply to the consumer.
- (2) The existing rate schedule.
- (3) The date the rate schedule was last changed.

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- (4) The stated reason for the proposed rate increase.
- (5) A description of where the consumer can obtain further information regarding the proposal.

(Amends R.S. 45:1163.1(B))