HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1249 by Representative Montoucet

UTILITIES: Provides relative to inspection and supervision fees paid by certain motor carriers and public utilities doing business in this state

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that for purposes of Chapter 4 (Motor Carriers) of Title 45 (Public Utilities and Carriers) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the term "motor carriers" shall not include transporters of non-hazardous oilfield waste.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides that for purposes of Chapter 4 of Title 45 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, "motor carriers" shall include both a common carrier by motor vehicle and contract carrier by motor vehicle, which transport household goods, passengers, waste intrastate, or any other classification of carriers created by law which transports household goods, passengers, or waste intrastate for compensation or hire, and tow trucks, but shall not include contract carriers by bus except for purposes of certain laws.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to provide that "motor carriers" shall not include transporters of non-hazardous oilfield waste.

<u>Present law</u> requires certain motor carriers and public utilities subject to the control of the Public Service Commission (commission) to pay fees for the inspection, control, and supervision of their business service and rates.

<u>Present law</u> provides that such fees shall be paid quarterly and be in a certain amount per \$1,000 of certain gross receipts, less or in excess of a certain amount or range of such carriers and utilities.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the fees paid to the commission shall be \$.59 per \$1,000 of such gross receipts in excess of \$100 million.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the fee from \$.59 to \$.63 and one-half cents.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that such inspection and supervision fees shall not be applicable to any nonprofit water utility cooperative or corporation wholly owned by water user members.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 45:162(12), 1177(A)(1), (2)(k), (4), and (5); Adds R.S. 45:1177(A)(6))