

HOUSE BILL NO. 437

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN RATE CASES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. General rate case -- burden of proof. If the public service commission requires a public utility to file information to demonstrate that the utility's rates and schedules conform to the requirements of 69-3-201, the public utility bears the burden of proof in demonstrating that either existing rates and schedules or requested changes to existing rates and schedules conform to the requirements of 69-3-201.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 3, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 3, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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