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1 AN ACT Relating to the nonregulated activities of public service
2 companies; and amending RCW 80.04.270.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.04.270 and 1983 2nd ex.s. c 3 s 40 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 Any public service company or its affiliates engaging in the sale
7 of merchandise ~~((or))~~, appliances ~~((or))~~, equipment, or nonregulated
8 services such as, but not limited to, advertising shall keep separate
9 accounts, as prescribed by the commission, of its capital employed in
10 such business and of its revenues therefrom and operating expenses
11 thereof. The capital employed in such business shall not constitute a
12 part of the fair value of said company's property for rate making
13 purposes, nor shall the revenues from or operating expenses of such
14 business constitute a part of the operating revenues and expenses of
15 said company as a public service company. An affiliate of a public
16 service company shall not be required to pay a royalty to, or share its
17 revenues with, the public service company. For purposes of this
18 section, the providing of competitive telephone service, as defined in
19 RCW 82.04.065, shall not constitute the sale of merchandise,

1 appliances, or equipment, unless the commission determines that it
2 would be in the public interest to hold otherwise.

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