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1 AN ACT Relating to conditions for transferring electric service
2 from an electrical company; amending RCW 80.28.110; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 80.28 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.28 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Before any customer of an electrical company transfers electric
8 service from an electrical company to another electric utility or a
9 federal power marketing authority, the customer shall enter into a
10 special contract with the electrical company that requires the customer
11 to retain its obligations under the terms of a tariff rider that funds
12 electric efficiency measures. For the provisions of this section to
13 apply, the tariff rider must have been previously approved by the
14 commission and be presently applicable. A special contract entered
15 into under this section is subject to approval by the commission to
16 ensure consistency with the terms of the tariff rider.

17 (2) Nothing in this section is to be construed as affecting any
18 other authority of the commission under this chapter.

1 (3) For the purposes of this section, "electric utility" has the
2 same meaning as that term is defined under RCW 19.29A.010.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 80.28.110 and 1990 c 132 s 5 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Every gas company, electrical company or water company, engaged in
6 the sale and distribution of gas, electricity or water, shall, upon
7 reasonable notice, furnish to all persons and corporations who may
8 apply therefor and be reasonably entitled thereto, suitable facilities
9 for furnishing and furnish all available gas, electricity and water as
10 demanded, except that a water company shall not furnish water contrary
11 to the provisions of water system plans approved under chapter 43.20 or
12 70.116 RCW. This section does not apply to electric service requested
13 by a person or corporation when such electric service has previously
14 been transferred from an electrical company to another electric utility
15 or federal power marketing authority. Nothing in this section is to be
16 construed to prohibit an electrical company from offering electric
17 service to any person or corporation, provided that once electric
18 service is offered and initiated, the provisions of this section apply
19 to the person or corporation receiving such service. For the purposes
20 of this section, "electric utility" has the same meaning as that term
21 is defined under RCW 19.29A.010.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its
23 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
24 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
25 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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