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- 1 AN ACT Relating to attachments to transmission facilities owned by
- 2 public utility districts that provide wholesale telecommunications
- 3 services under RCW 54.16.330 and 54.16.340; amending RCW 80.54.010; and
- 4 adding a new section to chapter 54.16 RCW.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 A public utility district that provides wholesale
- 9 telecommunications services under this chapter shall be subject to the
- 10 provisions of chapter 80.54 RCW.
- 11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 80.54.010 and 1985 c 450 s 40 are each amended to read
- 12 as follows:
- 13 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
- 14 this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 15 (1) "Attachment" means any wire or cable for the transmission of
- 16 intelligence by telecommunications or television, including cable
- 17 television, light waves, or other phenomena, or for the transmission of
- 18 electricity for light, heat, or power, and any related device,

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apparatus, or auxiliary equipment, installed upon any pole or in any 1 telecommunications, electrical, cable television, or communications 2 right of way, duct, conduit, manhole or handhole, or other similar 3 4 facilities owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by one or more utilities, including public utility districts that provide wholesale 5 telecommunications services under RCW 54.16.330 and 54.16.340, where 6 7 the installation has been made with the consent of the one or more 8 utilities.

- (2) "Licensee" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, company, association, joint stock association, or cooperatively organized association, other than a utility, which is authorized to construct attachments upon, along, under, or across the public ways.
- (3) "Utility" means any electrical company or telecommunications company as defined in RCW 80.04.010, and does not include any entity cooperatively organized, or owned by federal, state, or local government, or a subdivision of state or local government, except that a public utility district that provides wholesale telecommunications services under RCW 54.16.330 and 54.16.340 is subject to the provisions of this chapter.

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