
SENATE BILL 6209

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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to utility charges; and amending RCW 80.28.080.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.28.080 and 1985 c 427 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 No gas company, electrical company or water company shall charge,
6 demand, collect or receive a greater or less or different compensation
7 for any service rendered or to be rendered than the rates and charges
8 applicable to such service as specified in its schedule filed and in
9 effect at the time, nor shall any such company directly or indirectly
10 refund or remit in any manner or by any device any portion of the rates
11 or charges so specified, or furnish its product at free or reduced
12 rates except to its employees and their families, and its officers,
13 attorneys, and agents; to hospitals, charitable and eleemosynary
14 institutions and persons engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work;
15 to indigent and destitute persons; to national homes or state homes for
16 disabled volunteer soldiers and soldiers' and sailors' homes:
17 PROVIDED, That the term "employees" as used in this paragraph shall
18 include furloughed, pensioned and superannuated employees, persons who
19 have become disabled or infirm in the service of any such company; and

1 the term "families," as used in this paragraph, shall include the
2 families of those persons named in this proviso, the families of
3 persons killed or dying in the service, also the families of persons
4 killed, and the surviving spouse prior to remarriage, and the minor
5 children during minority of persons who died while in the service of
6 any of the companies named in this paragraph: PROVIDED FURTHER, That
7 water companies may furnish free or at reduced rates water for the use
8 of the state, or for any project in which the state is interested: AND
9 PROVIDED FURTHER, That gas companies, electrical companies, and water
10 companies may charge the defendant for treble damages awarded in
11 lawsuits successfully litigated under RCW 80.28.240.

12 No gas company, electrical company or water company shall extend to
13 any person or corporation any form of contract or agreement or any rule
14 or regulation or any privilege or facility except such as are regularly
15 and uniformly extended to all persons and corporations under like
16 circumstances.

17 Except as provided in RCW 80.28.240, no gas company, electrical
18 company, or water company shall charge, demand, collect, or receive
19 compensation for any service from any person who has not entered into
20 a written contract with such company for the provision of such service.

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