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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 671,

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L.D. 1855, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Public Utility

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Commission Approval of Temporary Rate Changes."

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Amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out all
of the first paragraph after the amending clause and
inserting in its place the following:

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'During any proceeding initiated by a public utility by a filing pursuant to section 64 or 298, the commission may approve, temporarily, any undisputed amounts of a requested rate increase or rate decrease. If the parties are unable to agree on an undisputed amount, any party, at any time after the cross examination of the utility's direct case has been conducted and all parties have filed their direct cases, may request the commission to require the parties to provide a written statement of those issues that are being contested and an estimated dollar value of the extent of the disagreement between the utility and the other party on that issue. The commission, after examining the statements of issues presented, may determine an amount which is undisputed. The commission may include in the undisputed amount the amount put in question by any party other than the utility if the commission determines that that party has no possibility of ultimately prevailing on that issue. The amounts temporarily approved shall be filed by the utility as a temporary schedule which shall be effective from the date of approval of the temporary schedule until the issuance of the final order in the section 64 proceeding.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 671, L.D. 1855

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment clarifies the procedure and stan-
3 dard for Public Utility Commission determinations of
4 temporary undisputed rates. These rates may be ap-
5 proved if the commission determines, after examina-
6 tion of statements of issues submitted by the par-
7 ties, that an objecting party has no possibility of
8 ultimately prevailing.

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Reported by the Committee on PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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