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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 751, L.D. 2029, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "Sec. 1." in the 16th line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by inserting after the 2nd occurrence of "facilities" the following: 'within the territory of the district'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "Sec. 1." in the 5th line from the end (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "require." the following: 'The district may not take by eminent domain the property or facilities of another public utility used or acquired for use in providing service to the public or in the performance of a public duty unless the district applies to the Public Utilities Commission and the commission finds that the taking is in the public interest.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Public Utilities Commission will incur some minor additional costs to review certain takings of the Van Buren Light and Power District. These costs can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment accomplishes the following:

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1. Clarifies that the Van Buren Light and Power District's authorization to provide fiber-optic cable telecommunications services is limited to its current territorial limits;

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2. Provides that the district may not take the property of another public utility used in providing service to the public or in performing a public duty unless the Public Utilities Commission finds that the taking is in the public interest; and

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3. Adds a fiscal note to the bill.