ORIGINAL SENATE FILE NO. <u>SF0136</u>

## ENROLLED ACT NO. 49, SENATE

## SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2021 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to public utilities; authorizing the public service commission to consider reliability and cost externalities; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

**Section 1.** W.S. 37-2-122(a) and by creating a new subsection (e) is amended to read:

## 37-2-122. Matters considered in fixing rates; order changing services or facilities; qualifying facilities contracts.

In determining what are just and reasonable rates (a) the commission may take into consideration availability or and reliability of service, depreciation of plant, technological obsolescence of equipment, expense of operation, physical and other values of the plant, system, business and properties of the public utility whose rates are under consideration. In determining just and reasonable rates for electricity the commission shall consider common sets of facts developed pursuant to W.S. 37-2-114(b)(i) and regional benefits provided by the utility.

(e) The commission may, in all matters relating to plans, proposals or applications for authority to construct or retire major facilities having any immediate or potential effect on rates charged to customers or to recover through rates any cost thereof, consider reliability and cost externalities incurred by the state of Wyoming, including but not limited to economic and employment impacts.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2021.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk