by the end of the term, upon exercise of an option, for a nominal amount or for a price determined without reference to fair market value ((upon the termination of the contract)). Financing contracts shall include, but not be limited to, conditional sales contracts, financing leases, lease purchase contracts, or refinancing contracts, but shall not include operating or true leases. For purposes of this chapter, the term "financing contract" shall not include any nonrecourse financing contract or other obligation payable only from money or other property received from private sources and not payable from any public money or property. The term "financing contract" shall include a "master financing contract."

- (3) "Master financing contract" means a financing contract which provides for the use and purchase of property by the state, and which may include more than one financing contract and appropriation.
- (4) "State" means the state, agency, department, or instrumentality of the state, the state board for community college education, and any state institution of higher education.
- (5) "State finance committee" means the state finance committee under chapter 43.33 RCW.
- (6) "Trustee" means a bank or trust company, within or without the state, authorized by law to exercise trust powers.

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CHAPTER 48

[House Bill No. 2527]

UTILITY AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY REGULATORY FEES—DUE DATE

AN ACT Relating to regulatory fees; and amending RCW 80.24.010 and 81.24.010.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 80.24.010, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 14, chapter 450, Laws of 1985 and RCW 80.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Every public service company subject to regulation by the commission shall, on or before the ((first day of April of each year)) date specified by the commission for filing annual reports under RCW 80.04.080, file with the commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year or portion thereof and pay to the commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars: PROVIDED, That the fee shall in no case be less than one dollar.

The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be classified as follows:

Electrical, gas, water, telecommunications, and irrigation companies shall constitute class one. Every other company subject to regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are not otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged in.

Sec. 2. Section 81.24.010, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 48, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 81.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Every company subject to regulation by the commission, except auto transportation companies, steamboat companies, wharfingers or warehousemen, motor freight carriers, and storage warehousemen shall, on or before the ((first day of April of each year)) date specified by the commission for filing annual reports under RCW 81.04.080, file with the commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission a fee equal to one—tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two—tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars, except railroad companies which shall each pay to the commission a fee equal to one and one—half percent of its intrastate gross operating revenue: PROVIDED, That the fee shall in no case be less than one dollar.

The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any one year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be classified as follows: Railroad, express, sleeping car, and toll bridge companies shall constitute class two. Every other company subject to regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are not otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged in.

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