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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB483

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 21, 2017

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

For purposes of allowing the orderly administration by the Public Service Commission of its regulatory authority, LB 483 grants a limited exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act. This exemption will permit the Commission to require timely filing of interventions or protests to applications filed with the Commission. Current Commission rules allow formal interventions and protests within 30 days after notice is published by the Commission of any application filed. The Administrative Procedure Act allows for interventions to be filed much later, up to five days before the Commission hearing on the Application. Allowing interventions at such a late date, would lead to the inability of the Commission to process applications in an orderly and timely manner, and in some cases, might make it difficult or impossible for the commission to rule on an application by a deadline imposed by statute.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Hilgers