

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2339

By: Smith (Hopper)

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; amending 17 O.S. 1991, Section 1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 48, O.S.L. 1998 (17 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1), which relates to violating rules of the Corporation Commission; clarifying language relating to Commission authority to issue fines for violations of rules, orders or other requirements; adding certain utility providers which may be fined for switching customers without consent; providing for an opportunity for a hearing; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 1991, Section 1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 48, O.S.L. 1998 (17 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. ~~Any~~ A. 1. Upon a determination by the Corporation Commission of violation of any of its rules, orders or other requirements, a corporation, person or firm may be fined by the ~~Corporation~~ Commission, a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), as the Commission may deem proper, ~~for the violation of any of its rules or requirements and each.~~ Each day's continuance of such violation, after due service upon such corporation, person or firm, of the order or requirement of the Commission shall be a separate offense. ~~Should~~

2. If the operation of such order or requirement ~~be~~ is suspended, pending an appeal ~~therefrom~~, the period of such suspension shall not be computed against the corporation, person or

firm, ~~in the matter of~~ with regard to its liability ~~to~~ for fines and penalties.

B. Any corporation, person or firm that switches the local or long distance telephone, electrical energy, or natural gas service provider of a customer without the consent of the customer may be fined by the ~~Corporation~~ Commission a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per occurrence, as the Commission may deem proper after notice and opportunity for hearing.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

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