

**UPDATED SUMMARY
SENATE BILL 15-261**

First Regular Session - Seventieth Colorado General Assembly

This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house. It does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. This summary reflects only the main points of the legislation.

Public utilities other than rail carriers must provide notice to the public utilities commission (commission) and the public of any change in a rate, fare, toll, rental, charge, classification, service, privilege, or facility by filing with the commission a new schedule stating the changes to be made and the time when the changes will go into effect. Additionally, a public utility that is required to provide such notice, other than a transportation or water utility, must provide an additional form of notice to the public concerning the change.

Currently, if the public utility wishes to provide additional public notice by a method other than newspaper publication, a bill insert for affected customers, or a separate mailing to affected customers, the public utility must apply to the commission for approval of such other manner of additional notice. An application for approval invokes a new proceeding before the commission. The bill, in changing the word "application" to "request", would not invoke a new commission proceeding to effectuate a public utility's request for an alternative method of providing additional public notice. It would permit the public utility to file a motion seeking an alternative method of providing additional public notice within the existing proceeding.

Italicized words indicate new material added to the original summary; dashes through words indicate deletions from the original summary.
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