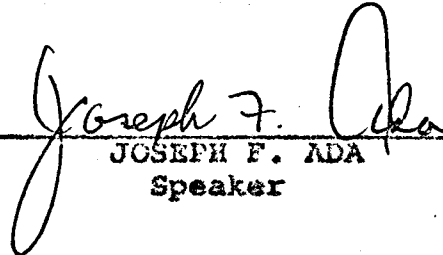


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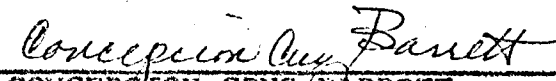
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 820, "An Act to repeal Chapters I and II of Title XXII of the Government Code of Guam, to repeal Sections 21205, 21210, 21212, and 21513, to amend Subsection (4) of Section 21503 and Section 21206 of said Code, and to add a new Chapter I to Title XXI of said Code, to establish a Public Utilities Commission", which was heretofore passed and thereafter on July 14, 1976, returned to the Legislature without the approval of the Governor was, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam, reconsidered by the Legislature and after such reconsideration the Legislature did on the 10th day of August, 1976, agree to pass said bill notwithstanding the objections of the Governor by a vote of two-thirds of all the members thereof, to wit: by a vote of 15 members.



JOSEPH F. ADA
Speaker

ATTESTED:



CONCEPCION CRUZ BARRETT
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 11th day of August, 1976 at 4:20 o'clock p.M.

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Bill No. 820

Introduced by A. A. Sekt

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTERS I AND II OF
TITLE XXII OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF
GUAM, TO REPEAL SECTIONS 21205, 21210,
21212, AND 21513, TO AMEND SUBSECTION
(4) OF SECTION 21503 AND SECTION 21206
OF SAID CODE, AND TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER
I TO TITLE XXI OF SAID CODE, TO ESTABLISH
A PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Chapters I and II of Title XXII of the
3 Government Code of Guam are hereby repealed. All references
4 in the Codes of Guam to the Board on Utility Rates not ex-
5 pressly amended or deleted by this Act shall be deemed re-
6 ferences to the Public Utilities Commission created hereby.

7 Section 2. Sections 21205, 21210, 21212 and 21513 of
8 the Government Code of Guam are hereby repealed.

9 Section 3. Subsection (4) of Section 21503 of the
10 Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 "(4). Establish and modify from time to time,
12 through the Public Utilities Commission, reasonable rates
13 and charges for electric service at least adequate to
14 cover the full cost of such service, and collect money
15 from customers using such service, all subject to any
16 contractual obligation of the Board to the holders of
17 any bonds, enter into covenants to increase rates or
18 charges from time to time as may be necessary pursuant
19 to any such contractual obligation; and refund rates
20 and charges collected in error in accordance with
21 regulations prescribed by the Board."

22 Section 4. Section 21206 of the Government Code of Guam
23 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 "Section 21206. Powers. The Agency shall have the
2 power, duty and responsibility for the administration
3 and operation of all water and other utility services
4 now furnished by the government of Guam or hereafter by
5 the Agency, except electric power which has been
6 transferred to the exclusive control and operation of
7 the Guam Power Authority, and telephone service. Such
8 powers shall include the authority to make a monetary
9 charge, approved by the Public Utilities Commission, to
10 all persons, firms corporations and governments, in-
11 cluding the government of Guam, to whom public utility
12 services are furnished by the Agency."

13 Section 5. A new Chapter I is hereby added to the
14 Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

15 "CHAPTER I

16 Public Utilities Commission

17 Section 21000. Definitions. As used in this
18 Chapter:

19 (a) 'Public Utility' means and includes every
20 person, including any individual, corporation,
21 partnership, government agency, or government depart-
22 ment that may own, control, operate, or manage,
23 as owner, lessee, trustee, receiver, or otherwise,
24 whether under a franchise, charger, license,
25 articles of incorporation, statute, or otherwise,
26 any plant or equipment, or any part thereof, directly
27 or indirectly for public use, for the transportation
28 of passengers or freight, or the conveyance or
29 transmission of telephone or telegraph messages, or
30 the furnishing of facilities for the transmission of
31 intelligence by electricity by land or water or air

1 within Guam or between points within Guam, or for
2 the production, conveyance, transmission, delivery,
3 or furnishing of light, power, heat, cold, water,
4 gas, or furnishing of light, power, heat, cold,
5 water, gas, or oil, or for the storage or ware-
6 housing of goods, or the disposal of sewage; provided
7 that the term (1) means and includes any person,
8 insofar as such person owns or operates an aerial
9 transportation enterprise as a common carrier; (2)
10 means and includes any person, insofar as such
11 person owns or operates a private sewer company or
12 sewer facility; (3) includes persons owning or
13 operating taxicabs and passenger buses; (4) shall
14 not include common carriers transporting only freight
15 on the public highways, unless operating within
16 localities or along routes or between points which
17 the Commission finds to be inadequately serviced
18 without regulation under this Chapter; (5) shall
19 not include persons engaged in the business of
20 warehousing or storage unless the Commission finds
21 that regulation thereof is necessary in the public
22 interest; and (6) shall not include the business of
23 any carrier by water unless the Commission finds that
24 regulation thereof is necessary in the public
25 interest.

26 (b) 'Commission' means the Public Utilities
27 Commission.

28 (c) 'Taxicab' means any motor vehicles for
29 hire having seating accommodations for seven (7)
30 or less passengers used in the movement of passengers
31 on the public highways at prescribed rates or
32 charges.

1 (d) 'Passenger Bus' means any motor vehicle
2 for hire having seating accommodations for eight (8)
3 or more people used in the movement of passengers
4 on the public highways at prescribed rates of
5 charge.

6 Section 21001. Public Utilities Commission; number,
7 appointment of Commissioners.

8 (a) There shall be a Commission of five (5)
9 members, to be called Commissioners, who shall be
10 nominated and, by and with the advice and consent
11 of the Legislature, appointed by the Governor. The
12 terms of such members shall be for four (4) years;
13 provided, that the Governor may reduce the terms of
14 those initially appointed so as to provide, as
15 nearly as can be, for the expiration of an equal
16 number of terms at intervals of one (1) year.

17 (b) A vacancy occurring in the membership of
18 the Commission during a term shall be filled for the
19 unexpired term thereof by the Governor.

20 (c) The Governor may remove or suspend for
21 cause any member of the Commission after due notice
22 and public hearing.

23 (d) Members shall elect their chairman.

24 (e) Each of the members shall receive compen-
25 sation at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per
26 day while actually engaged in the performance of his
27 duties as Commissioner, and such reasonable traveling
28 expenses as may be incurred in the discharge of
29 his duties.

30 (f) No person owing any stock or bonds of any
31 public utility, or having any interest in, or
32 deriving any remuneration from any public utility,

1 shall be appointed to or hold an office on the
2 Commission, or be appointed or employed by the
3 Commission.

4 Section 21002. Employment of assistants. The
5 Commission shall appoint and fix the salary of an Adminis-
6 trative Director who shall have such duties and responsi-
7 bilities as the Commission shall direct. The Director
8 may appoint and employ such clerks, stenographers, agents,
9 engineers, accountants, and other assistants for the
10 Commission, as may be necessary, and define their powers
11 and duties. The Commission may retain and fix the compen-
12 sation of an attorney for the Commission. The attorney
13 general and his assistants shall act as attorneys for
14 the staff of the Commission.

15 Section 21003. Annual report. The Commission shall
16 prepare and present to the Governor, in the month of
17 January in each year, a report respecting its actions
18 during the preceding fiscal year, together with its
19 recommendations respecting legislation, copies of which
20 reports shall be furnished by the Governor to the Legis-
21 lature.

22 Section 21004. General powers and duties. The
23 Commission shall have the general supervision hereinafter
24 set forth over all public utilities, and shall perform
25 the duties and exercise the powers imposed or conferred
26 upon it by this Chapter.

27 The Commission in the discharge of any of its duties
28 or the exercise of any of its powers, except a final
29 determination affecting a public utility or utilities,
30 may act through one or more of its members designated by
31 the Commission for this purpose, provided that the
32 designation of one Commissioner for the purpose shall
33 require the consent of the utility or utilities concerned.

1 Section 21005. Investigative powers. The Commission
2 and each Commissioner shall have the power to examine into
3 the condition of each public utility, the manner in which
4 it is operated with reference to the safety or accommo-
5 dation of the public, the safety, working hours, and
6 wages of its employees, the fares and rates charged by
7 it, the value of its physical property, the issuance by
8 it of stocks and bonds, and the disposition of the
9 proceeds thereof, the amount and disposition of its income,
10 and all its financial transactions, its business relations
11 with other persons, companies, or corporations, its
12 compliance with all applicable territorial and federal
13 laws and with the provisions of its franchise, charter,
14 articles of incorporation, and enabling legislation, if
15 any, its classifications, rules, regulations, practices,
16 and service, and all matters of every nature affecting
17 the relations and transactions between it and the public
18 or persons or corporations. Any investigation may be
19 made by the Commission of its own motion, and shall be
20 made when requested by the public utility to be investi-
21 gated, or upon a sworn written complaint to the Commission,
22 setting forth any prima facie cause of complaint. A
23 majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

24 Section 21006. Public Utilities to furnish informa-
25 tion. Every public utility shall at all times, upon
26 request, furnish to the Commission all information that it
27 may require respecting any of the matters concerning which
28 it is given power to investigate, and shall permit the
29 examination of its books, records, contracts, maps, and
30 other documents by the Commission, or any of its members,
31 or any person authorized by it in writing to make such
32 examination, and shall furnish the Commission with a

1 complete inventory of its property in such form as the
2 Commission may direct.

3 Section 21007. Report accidents. Every public
4 utility shall report to the Commission all accidents
5 caused by or occurring in connection with its operations
6 and service, and the Commission shall investigate the
7 causes of any accident which results in loss of life, and
8 may investigate any other accidents which in its opinion
9 require investigation.

10 Section 21008. Commission may compel attendance of
11 witnesses, etc. In all investigations made by the
12 Commission, and in all proceedings before it, the Commis-
13 sion and each Commissioner shall have the same powers
14 respecting administering oaths, compelling the attendance
15 of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence,
16 and examining witnesses, as are possessed by the
17 Superior Court. In case of contempt or disobedience by
18 any person to any order of the Commission or of any
19 Commissioner, or any subpoena issued by it or him, or of
20 the refusal of any witness to testify to any matter re-
21 garding which he may be questioned lawfully, the Superior
22 Court, on application by the Commission or a Commissioner,
23 shall compel obedience and punish said person as in case
24 of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued
25 from the Superior Court or a refusal to testify therein.
26 No person shall be excused from testifying or from
27 producing any book, waybill, document, paper, or account
28 in any investigation or inquiry by a hearing before the
29 Commission or any Commissioner, when ordered to do so,
30 upon the ground that the testimony or evidence, book,
31 waybill, document, paper, or account required of him may
32 tend to incriminate him or subject him to penalty or

1 forfeiture; but no person shall be prosecuted, punished,
2 or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on
3 account of any act, transaction, matter, or thing con-
4 cerning which he shall under oath have testified or
5 produced documentary evidence. Nothing herein shall be
6 construed as in any manner giving to any public utility
7 immunity of any kind except as may already be conferred
8 by law. The fees and traveling expenses of witnesses
9 shall be the same as allowed witnesses in the Superior
10 Court and shall be paid out of any appropriation available
11 for the expenses of the Commission. All meetings and
12 hearings of the Commission shall be public.

13 Section 21009. Rates to be published. The rates,
14 fares, all assessment costs, classifications, charges,
15 and rules of every public utility shall be published by
16 the public utility in such manner as the Commission may
17 require, and copies furnished to any person on request.

18 Section 21010. Notice of hearings. Whenever an
19 investigation is undertaken by the Commission, reasonable
20 notice in writing of such fact and of the subject or
21 subjects to be investigated shall be given to the public
22 utility concerned, and when based upon complaints made to
23 it as prescribed in Section 21005, a copy of the com-
24 plaint, and a notice in writing of the date and place
25 fixed by the Commission for beginning the investigation,
26 shall be served upon the public utility and the com-
27 plainant not less than two (2) weeks before the date
28 designated for the hearing.

29 Section 21011. Right to be represented by counsel.
30 At any investigation by or proceeding before the Commis-
31 sion the public utility concerned and any complainant
32 or permitted intervenor shall have the right to be present

1 and represented by counsel, to present any evidence
2 desired, and to cross-examine any witness who may be
3 called.

4 Section 21012. Commission may make rules and
5 establish fees. The Commission may make and amend rules
6 not inconsistent with law respecting the procedure before
7 it, and shall not be bound by the strict rules of the
8 common law relating to the admission or rejection of
9 evidence, but may exercise its own discretion in these
10 matters with a view to doing substantial justice. The
11 Commission may establish and amend a schedule of reason-
12 able fees and costs for copies of papers and records
13 requested by interested parties, and for the filing and
14 serving of papers and documents required of public
15 utilities by this Act. All such fees and costs charged
16 and collected shall be paid into the Treasury of Guam.

17 Section 21013. May make recommendations and bring
18 suits. If the Commission is of the opinion that any
19 public utility is violating or neglecting to comply with
20 any territorial or federal law, or any provisions of its
21 franchise, charter enabling legislation, or articles of
22 incorporation, if any, or with any rule, regulation or
23 order of the Commission, or that changes, additions,
24 extensions, or repairs are desirable in its plant or
25 service to meet the reasonable convenience or necessity
26 of the public, or to insure greater safety or security,
27 or that any rates, fares all assessment costs, classifi-
28 cations, charges, or rules are unreasonable or unreason-
29 ably discriminatory, or that in any way it is doing what
30 it ought not to do, or not doing what it ought to do, it
31 shall in writing inform the public utility of its con-
32 clusions and recommendations, shall include in its annual

1 . report, and may also publish the same in such manner as
2 it may deem wise. The Commission may examine into any
3 of the matter referred to in Section 21005, notwith-
4 standing that the same way be within the jurisdiction of
5 any court or other body, and when after the examination
6 the Commission is of the opinion that the circumstances
7 warrant, it shall effect the necessary relief or remedy
8 by the institution and prosecution of appropriate
9 proceedings or otherwise before such court or other body,
10 in its own name or in the name of the territory, or in
11 the name or names of any complainant or complainants, as
12 it may deem best.

13 Section 21014. Regulate rates, etc., hearings,
14 notice of hearings, appeals. (a) All rates, fares,
15 charges, all assessment costs, classifications, schedules,
16 rules and practices made, charged, or observed by any
17 public utility, or by two or more public utilities jointly,
18 shall be just and reasonable and shall be filed with the
19 Commission and no rate, fare, charge assessment cost,
20 classification, schedule, rule, or practice shall be
21 established, abandoned, modified, or departed from except
22 after thirty (30) days' notice to the Commission; pro-
23 vided, however, no rate, fare, assessment cost, or
24 charge shall be increased without the prior approval of
25 the Commission. The notice herein provided for shall
26 plainly state the rates, fares, charges, assessment
27 costs, classifications, schedules, rules, or practices
28 proposed to be established, abandoned, modified, or
29 departed from and the proposed effective date thereof and
30 shall be given by filing the notice with the Commission
31 and keeping it open for public inspection. The Commis-
32 sion shall not approve any increase in rates without

1 conducting an advertised public hearing or hearings
2 thereon. No rates shall be increased nor shall any
3 hearings be held unless notice of the hearing, with the
4 purpose thereof and the date, time, and place at which
5 it will open has been advertised not less than once in
6 each of three (3) weeks in a newspaper published in and
7 of general circulation in Guam, the first publication
8 being not less than twenty-one (21) days before the
9 hearing and the last publication being not more than
10 two (2) days before the scheduled hearing. The applicant
11 or applicants will notify their consumers or patrons of
12 the proposed change in rates and of the time and
13 place of the hearing not less than one (1) week before
14 the date set, the manner and the fact of notification to
15 be reported to the Commission before the date of hearing.
16 The Commission is authorized to use such additional media
17 as radio or television to advise the public if it finds
18 it necessary to do so. The Commission, upon notice to
19 the public utility, may suspend the operation of any
20 proposed rate, fare, charge, all assessment cost,
21 classification, schedule, rule, or practice of any pro-
22 posed abandonment or modification thereof or departure
23 therefrom and after a hearing by order regulate, fix,
24 and change all such rates, fares, charges, all assessment
25 costs, classifications, schedules, rules, and practices,
26 so that the same shall be just and reasonable, and pro-
27 hibit rebates and unreasonable discrimination between
28 localities, or between users or consumers, under sub-
29 stantially similar conditions, regulate the manner in
30 which the property of every public utility is operated
31 with reference to the safety and accommodation of the
32 public, prescribe its form and method of keeping accounts,

1 books, and records, and its accounting system, regulate
2 the return upon its public utility property, the incurring
3 of indebtedness relating to its public utility business,
4 and its financial transactions, and do all things in
5 addition which are necessary and in the exercise of such
6 power and jurisdiction all of which as so ordered,
7 regulated, fixed, and changed shall be just and reason-
8 able, and such as shall provide a fair return on the
9 property of the utility actually used or useful for
10 public utility purposes.

11 (b) In any case of two or more organizations,
12 trades, or business (whether or not incorporated, whether
13 or not organized in Guam, and whether or not affiliated)
14 owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the same
15 interest, the Commission may distribute, apportion, or
16 allocate gross income, deductions, credits or allowances
17 between or among the organizations, trades, or businesses,
18 as if it determines that the distribution, apportionment,
19 or allocation is necessary in order to adequately reflect
20 the income of any such organization, trades, or businesses
21 to carry out the regulatory duties imposed by this
22 Section.

23 (c) From every order made by the Commission under
24 the provisions of this Chapter which is final, or if
25 preliminary is of the nature that deferral of review
26 pending entry of a subsequent final decision would deprive
27 appellant of adequate relief an appeal shall lie to the
28 Supreme Court in the manner and within the time provided
29 by the rules of court for an appeal from a judgment of
30 the Superior Court. The appeal shall not of itself stay
31 the operation of the order appealed from, but the Supreme
32 Court may stay the order after a hearing upon a motion

1 therefor, and may impose such conditions as it may deem
2 proper as to giving a bond and keeping the necessary
3 accounts or otherwise in order to secure a restitution of
4 the excess charges, if any, made during the pendency of
5 the appeal in case the order appealed from should be
6 sustained, reversed, or modified in whole or in part.

7 (d) When complaint has been made to the Commission
8 concerning any rate for any product or commodity furnished
9 or service performed by any public utility, and the
10 Commission has found, after investigation, that the public
11 utility has charged an unreasonable, excessive, or
12 discriminatory amount therefor in violation of any of
13 the provisions of this Chapter, the Commission may order
14 that the public utility make due reparation to the com-
15 plainant therefor and to all members of his class if
16 said class has been established, with interest from the
17 date of collection if no discrimination will result from
18 such reparation. No order for the payment of reparation
19 upon the ground of unreasonableness shall be made by
20 the Commission in any instance wherein the rate in
21 question has, by formal finding, been declared by the
22 Commission to be reasonable, and no assignment of a
23 reparation claim shall be recognized by the Commission
24 except assignment by operation of law as in cases of
25 death, insanity, bankruptcy, receivership, or order of
26 court.

27 (e) If the public utility does not comply with the
28 order for the payment of reparation within the time
29 specified in the order made under Subsection (d) above,
30 suit may be instituted in the Superior Court to recover
31 the payment within one (1) year from the date of the
32 order, and not after.

1 Section 21015. Issuance of securities. A public
2 utility may, on securing the prior approval of the
3 Commission, and not otherwise, issue stocks and stock
4 certificates, bonds, notes, and other evidences of
5 indebtedness, payable at periods of more than twelve (12)
6 months after the date thereof, for the following purposes
7 and no other namely: For the acquisition of property
8 or for the construction, completion, extension, or
9 improvement of or addition to its facilities or service,
10 or for the discharge of lawful refunding of its obliga-
11 tions or for the reimbursement of moneys actually
12 expended from income or from any other moneys in its
13 treasury not secured by or obtained from the issue of
14 its stocks or stock certificates, or bond, notes, or
15 other evidences of indebtedness, for any of the aforesaid
16 purposes except maintenance of service, replacements,
17 and substitutions not constituting capital expenditure
18 in cases where the corporation has kept its accounts for
19 such expenditures in such manner as to enable the Commis-
20 sion to ascertain the amount of moneys so expended and
21 the purposes for which the expenditures were made, and
22 the sources of the funds in its treasury applied to the
23 expenditures. As used herein, 'property' and 'facilities',
24 means property and facilities used in all operations of a
25 public utility whether or not included in its public
26 utility operations or rate base. A public utility may
27 not issue securities to acquire property or to construct,
28 complete, extend or improve or add to its facilities or
29 service if the Commission determines that the proposed
30 purpose will have a material adverse effect on its public
31 utility operations.

1 All stock and every stock certificate, and every
2 bond, note, or other evidence of indebtedness of a public
3 utility not payable within twelve (12) months, issued
4 without an order of the Commission authorizing the same,
5 then in effect, shall be void.

6 Section 21016. Acquisition of stock of another
7 public utility. No public utility shall purchase or
8 acquire, take or hold, any part of the capital stock or
9 other interest of any other public utility organized or
10 existing under or by virtue of the laws of Guam, without
11 having been first authorized to do so by the order of
12 the Commission. Every assignment, transfer, contract,
13 or agreement for assignment or transfer of any stock
14 or other interest by or through any person or corporation
15 to any corporation or otherwise in violation of this
16 Section shall be void and of no effect; and no such
17 transfer shall be made on the books of any public utility.
18 Nothing herein shall be construed to make illegal the
19 holding of stock or other interest lawfully acquired
20 before the effective date of this Chapter.

21 Section 21017. Merger and consolidation of public
22 utility. No public utility shall sell, lease, assign,
23 mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber the whole
24 or any part of its road, line, plant, system, or other
25 property necessary or useful in the performance of its
26 duties to the public, or any franchise or permit, or any
27 right thereunder, nor by any means, directly or indirectly,
28 merge or consolidate with any other public utility with-
29 out first having secured from the Commission an order
30 authorizing it so to do. Every such sale, lease, assign-
31 ment, mortgage, disposition, encumbrance, merger, or
32 consolidation, made other than in accordance with the
33 order of the Commission shall be void.

1 Section 21022. Application to interstate or
2 foreign commerce. This Chapter and every provision there-
3 of shall apply to commerce with foreign nations or to
4 interstate commerce except insofar as such application is
5 not permitted under the Constitution and laws and
6 treaties of the United States or the Organic Act of Guam
7 and the laws of Guam.

8 Section 21023. Inapplicability of Administrative
9 Adjudication Law. Chapters I, II, and III of Title XXV
10 of the Government Code of Guam (the Administrative
11 Adjudication Law) shall have no applicability to this
12 Chapter.

13 Section 21024. Operating costs of Commission;
14 Reversion of unused balance of appropriation to treasury.
15 It is the intention of the Legislature that the Commis-
16 sion shall operate on a self-sustaining basis, therefore
17 the Commission is authorized to establish by rule and
18 order that a percentage of the gross income of each
19 public utility regulated under this Chapter shall be
20 paid by such public utility into the Treasury of Guam
21 for the purpose of payment of the necessary operating
22 expenses of the Commission, such percentage to be uni-
23 formly applied to the public utilities involved.
24 Additional payments may be ordered by the Commission
25 against any specific public utility regulated hereunder
26 in rate cases or other such complex matters and pro-
27 ceedings which require the Commission to secure the
28 services of technical or professional individuals or
29 firms for preparation and hearing of such matters and
30 proceedings. Any balance from the initial funding
31 appropriation for the Commission by the Legislature which
32 may exist after the time the public utilities remit

1 pursuant to order of the Commission shall revert to the
2 Unappropriated Surplus of the Treasury of Guam.

3 Section 21025. Compliance. Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law no rate charge for any public
5 utility shall become effective without the approval of
6 the Commission. Notwithstanding any other provision of
7 law to the contrary, every public utility's authority,
8 procedure, conduct, and activities shall be subject to
9 and controlled by the Commission pursuant to the pro-
10 visions of this Chapter. In this respect a public utility
11 shall comply with this Chapter in addition to complying
12 with any other condition or obligation imposed upon it
13 by law."

14 Section 6. This Act shall take effect thirty (30) days
15 after the appointment of the Commissioners by the Governor
16 in accordance with Section 5 of this Act, which Section to
17 that extent shall take effect immediately upon approval
18 of the bill by the Governor.

19 Section 7. In addition to every other responsibility
20 imposed upon the Commission by Chapter I of Title XXII of the
21 Government Code, it shall within one-hundred eighty (180) days
22 of the effective date of this Act conduct a review of the rates
23 of every public utility to determine whether they are just and
24 reasonable and to take such actions thereon as it may deem
25 appropriate.