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AN ACT

To amend chapter 393, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the phase-in of water corporation rates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 393, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 393.157, to read as follows:

393.157. If, after hearing, the commission determines that any water corporation

should be allowed an unusually large increase in the corporation's rates, the commission,

- 3 in its discretion, need not allow the full amount of such increase to take effect at one time,
- 4 but may instead phase in such increase over a reasonable number of years. Any such
- 5 phase-in shall allow the water corporation to recover the revenue which would have been
- 6 allowed in the absence of a phase-in and shall make a just and reasonable adjustment
- 7 thereto to reflect the fact that recovery of a part of such revenue is deferred to future years.
- 8 In order to implement the phase-in, the commission may, in its discretion, approve tariff
- 9 schedules which will take effect from time to time after the phase-in is initially approved.