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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for notice of a proposed rate change by a common carrier or public utility.

Present law provides that whenever a common carrier or public utility files with the Louisiana Public Service Commission a proposed schedule and a full decision is not rendered within twelve months after the effective filing date, the proposed rate increase may be implemented by the common carrier or public utility, in whole or in part, by filing with the commission protective bond or security to assure full refund.

Proposed law provides that the commission may challenge the bond in the district court of the domicile of the commission.

Proposed law provides that if the judgment of the court holds the bond insufficient or invalid, the procedures and time limitations set forth in present law shall apply.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the common carrier or public utility shall give notice of a proposed rate increase made pursuant to present law to each affected consumer.

Proposed law provides that notice may either accompany the consumer's billing statement or be mailed separately, and must include all of the following:

- (1) The proposed new rate schedule that will apply to the consumer.
- (2) The existing rate schedule.
- (3) The date the rate schedule was last changed.
- (4) The stated reason for the proposed rate increase.
- (5) A description of where the consumer can obtain further information regarding the proposal.

(Amends R.S. 45:1163.1(B))