

By the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Cowin

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to water and wastewater  
utilities; amending s. 367.091, F.S.; requiring  
utilities to notify local governing bodies of  
the filing of an application for rate change;  
requiring the Florida Public Service Commission  
to grant petitions to intervene which are filed  
by local governing bodies; providing an  
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5)  
of section 367.091, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
subsections (3), (4), (5), and (6), respectively, and a new  
subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

367.091 Rates, tariffs; new class of service.--

(2) Upon filing an application for new rates, the  
utility shall mail a copy of the application to the chief  
executive officer of the governing body of each county within  
the service areas included in the rate request. The governing  
body may petition the commission for leave to intervene in the  
rate change proceeding and the commission shall grant  
intervenor status to any governing body that files a petition.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SB 926

Requires any water and wastewater utility filing an application for a rate change with the Florida Public Service Commission to notify the governing body of every county in the utility's service area affected by the requested rate change of the application.

Directs the Florida Public Service Commission to grant intervenor status to the governing body of any county affected by a water and wastewater rate proceeding that files a petition to intervene in the proceeding.