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H.698

Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Telecommunications; pole attachment rules; conduits

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Public Service Board to amend its rules on pole attachments to apply to conduits.

An act relating to access to telecommunications conduit

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 209(i) is amended to read:

(i) Pole attachments; broadband. For the purposes of Board rules on attachments to poles owned by companies subject to regulation under this title, broadband service providers shall be considered “attaching entities” with equivalent rights to attach facilities as those provided to “attaching entities” in the rules, regardless of whether such broadband providers offer a service subject to the jurisdiction of the Board. In addition, “pole attachment” or “attachment” means any attachment by a cable television system or provider of telecommunications service to a pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way owned or controlled by a company subject to regulation under this title. The Board shall

1 adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to further implement this  
2 section. The rules shall be aimed at furthering the State's interest in ubiquitous  
3 deployment of mobile telecommunications and broadband services within the  
4 State.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.