

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 301

Introduced by Assembly Member Wright

February 8, 1999

An act to add Section 311.3 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 301, as introduced, R. Wright. Public Utilities Commission: rules: petition.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission adopts Rules of Practice and Procedure, and the commission is required to submit amendments, revisions, or modifications by the commission of those rules to the Office of Administrative Law for review, as prescribed.

This bill would require the commission to modify the rules to permit interested persons to petition the commission to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 311.3 is added to the Public
2 Utilities Code, to read:
3 311.3. The commission shall modify its Rules of
4 Practice and Procedure to permit interested persons to
5 petition the commission to adopt, amend, or repeal a
6 regulation. The rules shall establish a period, determined

1 by the commission, but not to exceed six months, during
2 which the commission may consider the petition and
3 either deny the petition or institute a proceeding to
4 adopt, amend, or repeal the regulation. If the commission
5 denies a petition, the order or resolution of the
6 commission shall include a statement of the reasons of the
7 commission for that denial. If the commission finds that
8 it is precluded by law from granting a petition, the
9 statement of reasons for denial shall identify the relevant
10 provisions of law.

