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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1737

5 By: Representative M. Brown
6 By: Senator Dees
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TRANSMITTING UTILITY ACT; TO
9 AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "TRANSMITTING UTILITY" TO
10 INCLUDE FIBER OPTIC AND BROADBAND LINES; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF
17 "TRANSMITTING UTILITY" TO INCLUDE FIBER
18 OPTIC AND BROADBAND LINES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 4-19-102(1), concerning the definition of
24 "transmitting utility" under the Transmitting Utility Act, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) "Transmitting utility" means ~~any~~ a corporation or other
27 entity primarily engaged in:

28 (A) the ~~The~~ railroad or street railway business;;

29 (B) the ~~The~~ furnishing of telephone or telegraph service;;

30 (C) the ~~The~~ transmission of oil, gas, or petroleum
31 products by pipeline, ~~or;~~

32 (D) the ~~The~~ production, transmission, or distribution of
33 electricity, steam, gas, or water; or

34 (E) The provision of fiber optic communication service,
35 broadband internet service, or similar high-speed data transmission services.
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