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HOUSE BILL NO. 2016

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 56-234 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public utilities; rates.

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Referred to Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 56-234 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 56-234. Duty to furnish adequate service at reasonable and uniform rates.

It shall be the duty of every public utility to furnish reasonably adequate service and facilities at reasonable and just rates to any person, firm or corporation along its lines desiring same. It shall be their duty to charge uniformly therefor all persons, corporations or municipal corporations using such service under like conditions, *provided that the Commission may approve, either in the context of or apart from a rate proceeding, special rates, contracts, or incentives to individual customers or classes of customers where it finds that such measures are in the public interest. Such special changes shall not be limited by the provisions of § 56-235.4 . However, no* No provision of law shall be deemed to preclude voluntary rate or rate design tests or experiments, or other experiments involving the use of special rates, where such experiments have been approved by order of the Commission after notice and hearing and a finding that such experiments are necessary in order to acquire information which is or may be in furtherance of the public interest. The charge for such service shall be at the lowest rate applicable for such service in accordance with schedules filed with the Commission pursuant to § 56-236. But, subject to the provisions of § 56-232.1, nothing herein contained shall be construed as applicable to schedules of rates, or contracts for service rendered by any telephone company to the state government, or by any other public utility to any municipal corporation or to the state or federal government. The provisions hereof shall not apply to or in any way affect any proceeding pending in the State Corporation Commission on or before July 1, 1950, and shall not confer on the Commission any jurisdiction not now vested in it with respect to any such proceeding.

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