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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1737

By: Representative M. Brown

By: Senator Dees

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF
"TRANSMITTING UTILITY" TO INCLUDE FIBER
OPTIC AND BROADBAND LINES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 4-19-102(1), concerning the definition of "transmitting utility" under the Transmitting Utility Act, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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