**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 58‑3‑250 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO SERVE A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE, REGISTERED MAIL, OR CERTIFIED MAIL.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 58‑3‑250(B) of the 1976 Code of Laws is amended to read:

“(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, registered or certified mail upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party’s email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to ~~him at his last known address~~ the party’s last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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