1 State of Arkansas

2 78th General Assembly

A BILLACT 578 OF 1991 HOUSE BILL 1639

3 Regular Session, 1991

4 By: Representative McCoy

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8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
9 SHALL NOT, IN ESTABLISHING UTILITY RATES, REDUCE OR
10 OTHERWISE CHANGE ANY WAGE RATE, BENEFIT, WORKING
11 CONDITION, OR OTHER TERM OR CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT THAT
12 IS THE SUBJECT OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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SECTION 1. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that the people of Arkansas have benefitted greatly from stable and responsible labor relations in the public utility industry, and that strengthening the institution of collective bargaining between public utilities and labor organizations for wages, hours, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in order to preserve stability and responsibility is in the public interest. The General Assembly further finds and declares that the well-being of employees of public utilities, who are residents, citizens, taxpayers, and consumers in Arkansas, is an essential element to balance with investor and

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29 SECTION 2. In establishing public utility rates, the Public Service 30 Commission shall not reduce or otherwise change any wage rate, benefit,

26 consumer interest in arriving at the public interest in setting rates for

31 working condition, or other term or condition of employment that is the

32 subject of a collective bargaining agreement between the public utility and a

33 labor organization.

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35 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature 36 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

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1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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         SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
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 4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 7 act are declared to be severable.
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         SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.
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