

payment by the utility to its customers of any sums which it may have received from them subsequent to such effective date of its said order in excess of the rates so prescribed by the commission.

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### CHAPTER 420.

AN ACT to amend 196.01 (1) of the statutes, relating to the definition of the term "public utility".

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

196.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.01 (1) As used in chapters 196 and 197, unless the context requires otherwise, "public utility" means and embraces every corporation, company, individual, association, their lessees, trustees or receivers appointed by any court, and every sanitary district, town, village or city that may own, operate, manage or control any toll bridge or any plant or equipment or any part of a plant or equipment, within the state, for the conveyance of telephone messages or for the production, transmission, delivery or furnishing of heat, light, water or power either directly or indirectly to or for the public. No co-operative association organized under chapter 185 for the purpose of producing or furnishing heat, light, power or water to its members only shall be deemed a public utility under this definition. *The term "public utility" as herein defined includes any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the transmission or delivery of natural gas for compensation within this state by means of pipes or mains.*

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