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69-3-332 Digital asset mining ratemaking.

- (1) The commission may not establish a rate classification for digital asset mining, digital asset mining businesses, or home digital asset mining that creates unduly discriminatory rates.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
 - (a) “Data center” means a use involving a building or premises in which the majority of the use is occupied by computers, telecommunications, or related equipment, including supporting equipment, where information is processed, transferred, and stored.
 - (b) “Digital asset mining” means the use of electricity to power a computer for the purpose of securing a blockchain network.
 - (c) “Digital asset mining business” means a group of computers working at a single site that consume more than 1 megawatt of energy on an average annual basis for the purpose of generating digital assets by securing a blockchain network.
 - (d) “Discriminatory rates” means electricity rates substantially different from other industrial similar uses of electricity in similar geographic areas after accounting for the cost of service.
 - (e) “Home digital asset mining” means mining digital assets in areas zoned for residential use that consume less than 1 megawatt of energy on an average annual basis for the purpose of generating digital assets by securing a blockchain network.

History

§ 1, Ch. 344, L. 2023, effective May 2, 2023.

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