

**54-3-19 Long and short distance service -- Through and intermediate rates.**

- (1) A telephone or telegraph corporation may not charge or receive any greater compensation, in the aggregate, for the transmission of any long distance message or conversation for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line or route in the same direction within this state, the shorter being included within the longer distance; or charge any greater compensation for a through service than the aggregate of the intermediate rates or tolls; but this shall not be construed as authorizing any telephone or telegraph corporation to charge or receive as great a compensation for a shorter as for a longer distance.
- (2) Upon application to the commission any telegraph or telephone corporation may in special cases, after investigation, be authorized by the commission to charge less for a longer than for a shorter distance service for the transmission of messages or conversations, and the commission may from time to time prescribe the extent to which the telegraph or telephone corporation may be relieved from the operation and requirements of this section.

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