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territory...who the legitimate claimant would be. And what's going to happen is, in an unserved territory, there's going to be somebody who says, hey, I want natural gas.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Um-hum.

SENATOR LANDIS: Then there will be a natural gas company who's in that area and they'll say, well, gosh, I...you know, I'll run you some service. Let's go up to the PSC and get authorization. They'll go up to the PSC and say, look, my map stops here. Here are some customers beyond; I'm ready to serve them. Would you extend my service territory to take in those people who are currently unserved?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So in other words, a community could annex property, extend their limit area, in case they have an industrial development area, or some business would come in there, and there is no service there? Then they would have to go the Public Service Commission?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm sorry. You changed the hypothetical on me, or I didn't understand the first one. If you had a municipally owned system,...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Municipally owned system.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and there are about 18 of them.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, but if you...okay, explain that portion of it.

SENATOR LANDIS: Right, okay. There are city-owned natural gas companies.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: This bill permits them to go beyond their city to wherever it's unserved,...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay.