

**7845.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Code.** "Code" refers to the code of conduct required by Minnesota Statutes, section 216A.037, subdivision 3, and set out in this chapter.

Subp. 2. **Commission.** "Commission" means the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Subp. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means a member of the commission.

Subp. 4. **Employee.** "Employee" means the executive secretary of the commission, or a member of the commission's professional, secretarial, or clerical staff.

Subp. 5. [Renumbered Subp. 10]

Subp. 6. [Renumbered Subp. 12]

Subp. 7. **Party.** "Party" means a person by or against whom a proceeding before the commission is commenced or a person permitted to intervene in a proceeding before the commission. A party includes a petitioner, complainant, intervenor, applicant, and respondent, and their attorneys, agents, or representatives.

Subp. 8. **Proceeding.** "Proceeding" means a formal or informal undertaking of the commission, on its own motion or otherwise, in which it seeks to resolve questions or issues raised in a complaint, in a petition, or during rulemaking.

Subp. 9. [Renumbered Subp. 11]

Subp. 10. **Public utility.** "Public utility" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 4, except that for the purposes of this chapter it also includes a municipal utility or a cooperative electric association that produces or furnishes natural, manufactured, or mixed gas or electric service and its agents, officers, and representatives.

Subp. 11. **Rate-regulated entity.** "Rate-regulated entity" means an entity subject to rate regulation by the commission and includes all of the following:

A. a public utility as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 4;

B. a cooperative electric association that has elected to become subject to regulation by the commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.026;

C. a municipality that has elected to become subject to regulation by the commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.025;

D. a telephone company as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivision 7;

E. an independent telephone company as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivision 3;

F. a telecommunications carrier as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivision 6; and

G. a small telephone company as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.773, subdivision 1.

Subp. 12. **Telephone company.** "Telephone company" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, except that for the purposes of this chapter it also includes an independent telephone company as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivision 3; a radio common carrier as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivision 4; a telecommunications carrier as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivision 6; a small telephone company as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.773, subdivision 1; and their agents, officers, and representatives.

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