

**7848.1700 REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM FILING REQUIREMENTS.**

Subpart 1. **Exemption requests.** Utilities shall file any request for an exemption from any of the filing requirements of this chapter no later than August 1 of the year in which the biennial transmission projects report will be filed. Utilities shall include the reasons for the request and suggest alternative filing requirements that would address the purposes of any filing requirements from which they seek exemption.

Subp. 2. **Procedural schedule, notice of procedural schedule.** Initial comments on exemption requests must be filed within 20 days of the date of filing. Reply comments must be filed within 20 days of the expiration of the initial comment period. Utilities shall include with any exemption request a clear and conspicuous notice of these comment periods.

Subp. 3. **Service requirements.** Utilities shall serve their exemption requests on the following persons:

- A. the Department of Commerce;
- B. the Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General;
- C. each member of the board;
- D. the general service list for biennial transmission projects reports established under part 7829.0600;
- E. every county government in the state; and
- F. every tribal government in the state.

Subp. 4. **Granting exemptions.** The commission shall grant an exemption if it finds that the data requirement is unnecessary to determine need for a proposed facility, that the data requirement is unnecessary for it to evaluate and act on a biennial transmission projects report, or that the data requirement may be satisfied by submitting a document other than the one specified in the rules.

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