

CHAPTER 216

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

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216.15 ANSWER AND REPLY.

The respondent may file by mail, by personal delivery, or via the commission's electronic filing system and serve upon the complainant, within 20 days after service of the order, an answer alleging that it has already granted the relief demanded or setting up any matter of defense. If the answer alleges the granting of the relief, the complainant shall within 20 days reply admitting or denying the allegation. If the complainant fails to reply or admits the allegation, the proceeding must be dismissed.

History: 2007 c 10 s 1

216.17 NOTICES AND ORDERS; FILINGS; SERVICE.

Subdivision 1. **Commission notices and orders; signature.** All notices and orders in proceedings before the commission must be signed by the secretary. Electronic signature by the secretary is permitted.

Subd. 2. **Service of notice, order, or other document from commission.** Service of all notices, orders, and other documents by the commission may be made by mail, personal delivery, or electronic service upon any person or firm, or upon the president, general manager, or other proper executive officer of any corporation interested. If any party has appeared by attorney, such service must be made upon the attorney. Notwithstanding section 14.62, orders and decisions may be served by mail, by personal delivery, or by electronic service. The commission may provide electronic service to any person who has provided an electronic address to the commission for service purposes. For purposes of this section, the term "person" includes a natural person or an organization, whether for profit or not for profit.

Subd. 3. **Filings with commission; manner of filing.** As of January 1, 2008, any telephone company or telecommunications carrier subject to chapter 237; any public utility, cooperative association, or municipal utility subject to chapter 216B; and state agencies, shall file documents with the commission via the commission's electronic filing system. The executive secretary may approve an exemption from this requirement if an affected company or agency is unable to submit filings via the commission's electronic filing system. All parties, participants, or other interested persons shall submit filings to the commission via the commission's electronic filing system whenever practicable, but may also file by personal delivery or by mail.

Subd. 4. **Service by a party, participant, or other interested person.** When an applicable statute or commission rule requires service of a filing or other document by a party, participant, or other interested person upon persons on a service list maintained by the commission, service may be made by personal delivery, mail, or electronic service, except that electronic service may only be made upon persons on the official service list who have previously agreed in writing to accept electronic service at an electronic address provided to the commission for electronic service purposes. This section does not apply to the extent another provision of this chapter or chapter 216A requires a specific method of service.

History: 2007 c 10 s 2

216.18 POWER TO SUBPOENA WITNESSES AND DOCUMENTS.

The commission in any hearing or investigation may require the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, documents, and records. Witnesses must receive the same fees and mileage as in civil actions. Disobedience of any subpoena in such proceeding

or contumacy of a witness may, upon application of the commission, be punished by any district court in the same manner as if the proceedings were pending in such court.

History: 2007 c 10 s 3