

The only changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Commission" § 19-201  
"Facility" § 19-201

19-219. CHANGE OF RATE STRUCTURES OR CHARGES.

(A) FILING OF NOTICE; EFFECTIVE DATE.

(1) A FACILITY MAY NOT CHANGE ANY RATE SCHEDULE OR CHARGE OF ANY TYPE OR CLASS DEFINED UNDER § 19-217(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, UNLESS THE FACILITY FILES WITH THE COMMISSION A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE THAT IS SUPPORTED BY ANY INFORMATION THAT THE FACILITY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

(2) UNLESS THE COMMISSION ORDERS OTHERWISE IN CONFORMITY TO THIS SECTION, A CHANGE IN THE RATE SCHEDULE OR CHARGE IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE THAT THE NOTICE SPECIFIES. THAT EFFECTIVE DATE SHALL BE AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE IS FILED.

(B) PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZED.

(1) COMMISSION REVIEW OF A PROPOSED CHANGE MAY NOT EXCEED 150 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE IS FILED.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE NOTICE.

(3) IF THE COMMISSION DECIDES TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING, THE COMMISSION:

(I) WITHIN 65 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF THE NOTICE, SHALL SET A PLACE AND DATE FOR THE HEARING; AND

(II) MAY SUSPEND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANY PROPOSED CHANGE UNTIL 30 DAYS AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.

(4) IF THE COMMISSION SUSPENDS THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A PROPOSED CHANGE, THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE THE FACILITY A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE SUSPENSION.

(5) THE COMMISSION:

(I) MAY CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH FORMAL RULES OF EVIDENCE; AND

(II) SHALL ALLOW ANY INTERESTED PARTY TO INTRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT RELATES TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE, INCLUDING TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES.

(C) TEMPORARY CHANGE AUTHORIZED.