

527.9 Central routing units.

1. A central routing unit shall not be operated in this state unless written approval for that operation has been obtained from the administrator.

2. A person desiring to operate a central routing unit shall submit to the administrator an application which shall contain all of the following information:

a. The name and business address of the owner of the proposed unit.

b. The name and business address of each data processing center and other central routing unit with which the proposed central routing unit will have direct electronic communication.

c. The location of the proposed central routing unit.

d. A schedule of the charges which will be required to be paid to that applicant by each financial institution which utilizes the proposed central routing unit.

The application shall be accompanied by all agreements between the proposed central routing unit and all data processing centers and other central routing units respecting the transmission of transaction data; and a copy of any agreement between the proposed central routing unit and any financial institution establishing a satellite terminal unless that agreement theretofore has been filed with the administrator pursuant to section 527.5.

e. An agreement by the applicant that the proposed central routing unit will be capable of accepting and routing, and will be operated to accept and route, transmissions of data originating at any satellite terminal located in this state, except limited-function terminals, whether receiving from that terminal or from a data processing center or other central routing unit.

f. A representation and undertaking that the proposed central routing unit is directly connected to every data processing center that is directly connected to a satellite terminal located in this state, and that the proposed central routing unit will provide for direct connection in the future with any data processing center that becomes directly connected to a satellite terminal located in this state. This representation and undertaking is not required of a central routing unit with respect to limited-function terminals.

3. The administrator shall approve or disapprove an application for operation of a central routing unit within sixty days after receipt.

4. A central routing unit operating under the approval of the administrator shall be subject to examination by the administrator for the purpose of determining compliance with this chapter.

5. *a.* Effective July 1, 1987, a person owning or operating a central routing unit authorized under this section shall include public representation on any board setting policy for the central routing unit. Four or five public members shall be appointed to the board in the following manner:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the superintendent of banking.

(2) One member shall be appointed by the superintendent of credit unions.

(3) One member shall be appointed by the superintendent of savings and loan associations.

(4) If an industrial loan company is connected to the central routing unit, one member shall be appointed by the superintendent of banking.

b. The superintendent of banking, superintendent of credit unions, and superintendent of savings and loan associations shall form a committee to set, in conjunction with the entity owning or operating the central routing unit, the term of office, the rate of compensation, and the rate of reimbursement for each public member. However, the public members shall be entitled to reasonable compensation and reimbursement from the board.

c. Each public member is entitled to all the rights of participation and voting as any other member of the board. The public members are to represent the interest of consumers and the business and agricultural communities in establishing policies for the central routing unit.

d. It is the intention of the general assembly that the ratio of public members to the overall membership of the board shall not be less than one public member for each seven members of the board. If the number of members on the board is increased, then the number of members appointed pursuant to paragraph "*a*" shall be increased to maintain the minimum ratio. In this event, a committee composed of the superintendent of banking, the superintendent of credit unions, and the superintendent of savings and loan associations shall appoint additional public members in order to maintain the minimum ratio.

e. An individual shall not be appointed as a public member pursuant to this subsection if the individual is a director of a financial institution or is directly employed by a financial institution doing business in this state.

[C77, 79, 81, § 527.9]

87 Acts, ch 158, §13, 14; 89 Acts, ch 86, §16; 91 Acts, ch 216, §14