

CHAPTER 1  
ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION  
[Prior to 10/8/86, Commerce Commission[250]]

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**199—1.1(17A,474) Purpose.** This chapter describes the organization and operation of the Iowa utilities commission (hereinafter referred to as commission).

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**199—1.2(17A,474) Scope of rules.** These rules apply to all matters before the commission.

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**199—1.3(17A,474,476) Waivers.** Rescinded by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463, section 4, effective July 1, 2026.

**199—1.4(17A,474) Duties of the commission.** The commission regulates the services and rates of certain electric, gas, telephone, water, sanitary sewer, and storm water drainage utilities pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476. The commission also has jurisdiction over certification of electric power generators pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476A, franchises for cable and video service providers pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 477A, dual party relay service pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 477C, construction and safety of electric transmission lines pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478, and the construction and operation of pipelines and underground storage pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 479 and 479B.

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**199—1.5(17A,474) Organization.** The commission consists of the three-member commission, the technical and administrative staff, and the general counsel. The three-member commission is the policymaking body, and the chair serves as the administrator of the commission. As administrator, the chair is responsible for all administrative functions and decisions.

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**199—1.6(17A,474) Matters applicable to all proceedings.**

**1.6(1) Communications.** All communications to the commission, other than those filed through the commission's electronic filing system, may be addressed to the Iowa Utilities Commission, 1375 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069, unless otherwise specifically directed. Unless otherwise specifically provided, all communications and documents are officially filed upon receipt and acceptance at the office of the commission.

**1.6(2) Office hours.** Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays and on official state holidays designated in accordance with state law.

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**199—1.7(22) Public information and inspection of records.**

**1.7(1) Public information.** Rescinded by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463, section 4, effective July 1, 2026.

**1.7(2) Definitions.** Rescinded IAB 6/24/26, effective 6/1/26.

**1.7(3) to 1.7(8)** Rescinded by 2026 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2463, section 4, effective July 1, 2026.

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