

**199—7.2(17A,476) Definitions.** Except where otherwise specifically defined by law:

“*Board*” means the Iowa utilities board or a majority thereof.

“*Complainants*” are persons who complain to the board of any act or thing done or omitted to be done in violation, or claimed to be in violation, of any provision of Iowa Code chapters 476 through 479B, or of any order or rule of the board.

“*Consumer advocate*” means the office of consumer advocate, a division of the Iowa department of justice, referred to in Iowa Code chapter 475A.

“*Contested case*” means a proceeding defined by Iowa Code section 17A.2(5) and includes any matter defined as a “no factual dispute” contested case under Iowa Code section 17A.10A.

“*Data request*” means a discovery procedure in which the requesting party asks another person for specified information or requests the production of documents.

“*Expedited proceeding*” means a proceeding before the board in which a statutory or other provision of law requires the board to render a decision in the proceeding in six months or less.

“*Filed*” means accepted for filing by the board as defined in rule 199—14.3(17A,476).

“*Intervenor*” means any person who, upon written petition, is permitted to intervene as a party in a specific proceeding before the board.

“*Issuance*” means the date on which an order is uploaded into the board’s electronic filing system.

“*Party*” means each person named or admitted as a party in a proceeding before the board.

“*Person*” means as defined in Iowa Code section 4.1(20) and includes individuals and all forms of legal entities.

“*Petitioner*” or “*applicant*” means any party who, by written petition, application, or other filing, applies for or seeks relief from the board.

“*Presiding officer*” means one board member or another person designated by the board with the authority to preside over a particular proceeding.

“*Proposed decision*” means the presiding officer’s recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a proceeding that has been assigned by the board to the presiding officer.

“*Service*” means service as prescribed in 199—Chapter 14.

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