

199—11.1(478) General information.

11.1(1) Purpose and authority. The purpose of this chapter is to implement Iowa Code chapter 478 and to establish procedures for electric franchise proceedings before the Iowa utilities commission. This chapter applies to any person engaged in the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric transmission lines in Iowa.

11.1(2) Iowa electrical safety code. Overhead and underground electric line minimum safety requirements to be applied in installation, operation, and maintenance are found in 199—Chapter 25, Iowa electrical safety code.

11.1(3) Filings. An electric company shall use the appropriate forms available on the commission's website when filing a petition for new franchise, amendment to franchise, abbreviated franchise process, or extension of franchise. All filings shall be pursuant to 199—Chapter 14.

11.1(4) Franchise. An electric franchise shall be required for the construction, operation, and maintenance of any electric line capable of operating at 69,000 volts (69 kV) or more outside of cities. A franchise is not required for electric lines located entirely within the boundaries of property owned by a person engaged in the transmission or distribution of electric power or an end user.

11.1(5) Issuance of franchise. Where the commission has previously determined that an existing transmission line satisfies the requirements of Iowa Code section 478.4, and no evidence to the contrary has been offered and no objection has been filed in the docket, a franchise may be renewed or amended by the issuance of a franchise without an accompanying order.

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