

199—21.1(476) Application of rules.

21.1(1) *Application of rules.* This chapter applies to any water, sanitary sewage, or storm water drainage utility operating within the state of Iowa under the jurisdiction of the Iowa utilities commission and is established under Iowa Code chapter 476.

a. Purpose. These rules are intended to establish standards of service to the public by utilities providing water by piped distribution systems and utilities providing sanitary sewage or storm water drainage disposal by piped collection systems which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Iowa utilities commission, and to provide standards for uniform practices by those utilities.

b. Organization. This rule and rule 199—21.2(476) apply to water, sanitary sewage, and storm water drainage utilities. Rules 199—21.3(476) through 199—21.10(476) apply only to water utilities. Rules 199—21.11(476) through 199—21.17(476) apply only to sanitary sewage utilities. Rules 199—21.18(476) through 199—21.21(476) apply only to storm water drainage utilities.

c. Commission. The term “commission” as used in this chapter means the Iowa utilities commission.

d. Utility. The term “utility” or “utilities,” when not more specifically described, means a water, sanitary sewage, or storm water drainage public utility as defined in Iowa Code section 476.1(3) “c” and “d.” The term does not include a county or an entity organized pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 28E which is comprised entirely of counties.

e. Waiver. A utility or customer may file for a waiver of these rules in accordance with the provisions of rule 199—1.3(17A,474,476).

f. Other laws. These rules shall not relieve a utility from its duties under the laws of this state.

21.1(2) *Authorization of rules.* Iowa Code chapter 476 provides that the Iowa utilities commission shall establish all needful, just, and reasonable rules, not inconsistent with law, to govern the exercise of its powers and duties, the practice and procedure before it, and to govern the form, content, and filing of reports, documents, and other papers necessary to carry out the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 476.

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