

**199—15.2 (476) Scope.****15.2(1) *Applicability.***

*a.* Subrule 15.2(2) and rule 199—15.10(476) of this chapter apply to all electric utilities, all qualifying facilities, and all AEP facilities.

*b.* Rule 199—15.3(476) of this chapter applies to electric utilities which are subject to rate regulation by the board.

*c.* Rules 199—15.4(476) and 199—15.5(476) of this chapter apply to qualifying facilities and electric utilities which are subject to rate regulation by the board.

*d.* Rules 199—15.6(476) to 199—15.9(476) of this chapter apply to all qualifying facilities and AEP facilities, and electric utilities which are subject to rate regulation by the board.

*e.* Rule 199—15.11(476) of this chapter lists additional requirements that apply to AEP facilities, and electric utilities which are subject to rate regulation by the board, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 476.41 to 476.45.

**15.2(2) *Negotiated rates or terms.*** These rules do not:

*a.* Limit the authority of any electric utility, any qualifying facility, or any AEP facility to agree to a rate for any purchase, or terms or conditions relating to any purchase, which differ from the rate or terms or conditions which would otherwise be required by these rules; or

*b.* Affect the validity of any contract entered into between an electric utility and a qualifying facility or AEP facility for any purchase.