

199—14.5(17A,476) Electronic filing procedures and required formats. Electronic documents shall be filed in accordance with the following procedures and required formats:

14.5(1) Persons who make infrequent filings with the board (i.e., no more than twice annually) may file as a guest user. Persons who make regular filings with the board shall register to obtain a user ID and password pursuant to registration procedures specified in 199—14.6(17A,476). The board may require an infrequent filer to become a registered user.

14.5(2) Electronic filings shall be made by uploading a document or collection of documents into the electronic filing system. E-mailing a document to the board does not constitute filing the document.

14.5(3) A filer must provide all required information when electronically filing a document.

14.5(4) Electronically filed documents shall be named in a way that accurately describes the contents of each document.

14.5(5) All documents shall be formatted in accordance with applicable rules governing formatting of paper documents.

14.5(6) All documents shall be formatted in accordance with the board's standards for electronic information, which are available on the board's Web site or from the board's records and information center.

14.5(7) Any text-based document which has been scanned for electronic filing must be full-text searchable to the extent that is reasonably possible.

14.5(8) Spreadsheets, workbooks, and databases included in filings shall include all cell formulae and cell references. Where a filer requests confidential treatment of cell formulae and cell references or any other information included in a spreadsheet, workbook, or database, the filer shall file a request for confidential treatment and two versions of the document: a public version of the document with the cell formulae deactivated and other confidential information redacted and a version not for publication containing live formulae and the information for which confidential treatment is requested.

14.5(9) Hyperlinks and other navigational aids may be included in an electronically filed document. Each hyperlink must contain a text reference to the target of the link. Although hyperlinks may be included in a document as an aid to the reader, the material referred to by the hyperlinks is not considered part of the official record or filing unless the material itself is filed. Hyperlinks to cited authority may not replace standard citation format for constitutional citations, statutes, cases, rules, or other similarly cited materials.

14.5(10) The electronic filing system will display an “Upload Complete” notice when the upload of the filing is completed. If the “Upload Complete” notice does not appear, it is the filer’s responsibility to contact the board’s records and information center during regular business hours to determine the status of the filing.

14.5(11) After reviewing the filing, the board’s records and information center will either accept or reject the filing. If the filing is accepted, the document (if not confidential) will be published on the board’s Web site, and an electronic file stamp indicating the docket number(s) and date of filing will be added to the published document. A “Notice of Electronic Filing” containing a link to a list of published documents included in the filing will be sent by E-mail to the filer and to all parties identified on the service list as able to receive electronic service. From the list, the recipient of the notice can link to each published document included in the filing. Where a document is accompanied by a request for confidential treatment, the list will include a link to the public version of the document, in which information identified as confidential has been redacted (see 199—14.12(17A,476)). Where a filing consists only of a confidential document, such as a response to a board survey or other inquiry, which the board has deemed confidential pursuant to an order requiring the response, the document will not be published on the board’s Web site. Acceptance of a document for filing is not a final determination that the document complies with all board requirements and is not a waiver of such requirements. If a filing is rejected, a “Notice of Rejection” explaining why the filing has been rejected will be sent by E-mail to the filer, or the filer will be contacted by other appropriate means.

14.5(12) Errors. If a filer discovers an error in the electronic filing or publishing of a document, the filer shall contact the board’s records and information center as soon as possible. The records and information center will review the situation and advise the filing party how the error will be addressed by

the records and information center and what further action by the filer, if any, is required. Ordinarily, any modifications to a published document will require a revised filing with the board. If errors in the filing or publishing of a document are discovered by the board's records and information center, board staff will ordinarily notify the filer of the error and advise the filer of what further action, if any, is required to address the error. If the error is a minor one, the records and information center may either correct or disregard the error.

14.5(13) Electronic documents and the hearing process. If any prefilled testimony or exhibit that is electronically filed before the hearing is altered or corrected at the hearing in any way and admitted into evidence, the sponsoring party must electronically file the altered document at the earliest opportunity, but no later than three business days after the conclusion of the hearing. If any paper documents which have not been electronically filed before the hearing are admitted into evidence as exhibits at the hearing, the sponsoring party must electronically file the exhibits at the earliest opportunity, but no later than three business days after the material is admitted into evidence.