

199—6.2(476) Complaint. Any person or body politic may file a written complaint requesting a determination of the reasonableness of rates, charges, schedules, service, regulations or anything done or not done by a public utility subject to service or rate regulation by the board. Assistance may be requested in the following manner.

6.2(1) Information to be filed. Any person may, by filing a written complaint, request the board to determine whether the utility's charges, practices, facilities or services are in compliance with applicable statutes and rules established by the board, or by the utility in its tariff, and lawfully issued board orders. A written complaint may be filed by facsimile or electronic mail. If there is any question about the authenticity of the complaint, the complainant may be required to file a letter verifying the written complaint. The board may initiate a complaint on its own motion. The complaint should include:

a. The name of the utility, any utility personnel known or believed to be familiar with the facts stated in the letter and the location of the office of the utility where the complaint was originally made and processed.

b. The name of the complainant. If the complaint is being filed on behalf of a person other than the complainant, an affidavit from the person injured by the practice about which the complaint is made should be included stating that the complaint has been received and is believed to be true and accurate to the best of the knowledge of the injured person. A complaint filed by an organization on behalf of its members shall include an affidavit signed by an officer of the organization.

c. The address of the premises where the service or billing problems occurred and, if known, the telephone number and the account number. If the complainant resides at a different address, the complaint should also state where a response to the complaint is to be mailed. The complainant may also provide a telephone number where the complainant can be reached during the day.

d. The nature of the complaint, and efforts made to resolve the matter. Documents—e.g., bills or correspondence—should be included if they will add to the board's understanding of the utility practice about which the complaint is made. If known, references to statutes or rules believed to govern the outcome of the complaint should be included.

e. A proposal for resolving the complaint. The proposal should refer to any known statutes or rules authorizing the remedy request.

6.2(2) Request for additional information. If the staff determines that additional information is needed in order to resolve the complaint, the complainant will be notified that specified additional information should be filed. If the requested additional information is not provided within 20 days, the complaint may be dismissed. Dismissal of the complaint on this basis does not prevent the complainant from filing in the future a complaint that includes the requested information.