

199—11.2 (478) Forms of petition for franchise, extension, or amendment of franchise.

11.2(1) *Forms of petition for a new or amended franchise.* A petition for a new or amended franchise filed with the board shall be made in the following manner. A petition shall be made on forms prescribed by the board, shall be notarized, and shall have all required exhibits attached. Exhibits in addition to those required by this rule may be attached when appropriate.

a. Exhibit A. A legal description of the route. The description shall include the name of the county, the maximum and nominal voltages, the beginning and ending points of the line, and whether the route is on public, private, or railroad right-of-way. In the case of the multicounty projects, the description shall identify all counties involved in the total project and any termini located in other counties.

b. Exhibit B. A map showing the route of the line drawn with reasonable accuracy considering the scale. Two copies shall be submitted. The map may be to any scale appropriate for the level of detail to be shown, but not smaller than one inch to the mile. The following minimum information shall be provided:

(1) The route of the electric line which is the subject of the petition, including starting and end points and, when paralleling a road or railroad, which side it is on. Line sections with double circuit construction or underbuild shall be designated.

(2) The name of the county, county and section lines, section numbers, and the township and range numbers.

(3) The location and identity of roads, major streams and bodies of water, and any other pertinent natural or man-made features influencing the route.

(4) The name and corporate limits of cities.

(5) The name and boundaries of any public lands or parks, recreational areas, preserves or wildlife refuges.

(6) All electric supply lines, including petitioner's within six-tenths of a mile of the route, including the nominal voltage and whether overhead or buried, and the name and address of the owners. Any lines to be removed or relocated shall be designated.

(7) The location of railroad rights-of-way, including the name and address of the owners.

(8) The location of airports or landing strips within one mile of the route, along with the name and address of the owners.

(9) The location of pipelines used for the transportation of any solid, liquid, or gaseous substance, except water, within six-tenths of a mile of the route, along with the name and address of the owners.

(10) The name and address of the owners of telephone, communication, or cable television lines within six-tenths of a mile of the route. The location of these lines need not be shown.

(11) The name and address of the owners of rural water districts organized pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 357A with facilities within six-tenths of a mile of the route. The location of these facilities need not be shown.

c. Exhibit C. Technical information and engineering specifications describing typical materials, equipment and assembly methods as specified on forms provided by the board.

d. Exhibit D. The exhibit shall consist of a written text containing the following:

(1) An allegation, with supporting testimony, that the line is necessary to serve a public use, plus such additional substantiated allegations as may be required by Iowa Code section 478.3(2).

(2) If the route or any portion thereof is not near and parallel to roads, railroad right-of-way, or along division lines of the lands, according to government surveys, a showing of why such parallel routing is not practicable or reasonable.

(3) If the route and manner of construction would result in separate pole lines for two or more electric supply lines occupying the same road right-of-way in a manner not in compliance with 199 IAC 11.6(1), a request that the board authorize separate pole lines and justification for the authorization.

(4) Any other information or explanations in support of the petition.

(5) If a new franchise must be sought for an existing electric line, historical information as specified in 199 IAC 11.2(2) "d"(1) to (4).

e. Exhibit E. This exhibit is required only if the petition requests the right of eminent domain. This exhibit shall be in its final form prior to issuance of the form of notice by the board pursuant to 199 IAC 11.5(2)“a.” It shall consist of a map of the route showing the location of each property for which the right of eminent domain is sought, and for each property:

- (1) The legal description of the property.
- (2) The legal description of the desired easement.
- (3) A specific description of the easement rights being sought.
- (4) The names and addresses of all persons with an ownership interest in the property and of all tenants.
- (5) A map drawn to an appropriate scale showing the boundaries of the property, the boundaries and dimensions of the proposed easement, the location of all electric lines and supports within the proposed easement, the location of and distance to any building within 100 feet of the proposed electric line, and any other features pertinent to the location of the line and its supports or to the rights being sought.

f. Exhibit F. The showing of notice to potentially affected parties as required by 199 IAC 11.5(4).

g. Exhibit G. The affidavit required by Iowa Code section 478.3 on the holding of an informational meeting. Copies of the mailed notice letter and the published notice(s) of the informational meeting shall be attached to the affidavit. This exhibit is required only if an informational meeting was conducted.

11.2(2) Form of petition for extension of franchise. A petition for an extension of franchise filed with the board shall be made in the following manner. A petition shall be made on forms prescribed by the board, shall be notarized, and shall have all required exhibits attached. Exhibits in addition to those required by this rule may be attached when appropriate.

a. Exhibit A. A legal description of the route. The description shall include the name of the county, the maximum and nominal voltages, the beginning and ending points of the line, and whether the route is on public, private, or railroad right-of-way. The description shall identify any termini located in other counties.

b. Exhibit B. A map showing the route of the line drawn with reasonable accuracy considering the scale. Two copies shall be submitted. The map may be to any scale appropriate for the level of detail to be shown, but not smaller than one inch to the mile. The following minimum information shall be provided:

- (1) The route of the electric line which is the subject of the petition, including starting and end points and, when paralleling a road or railroad, which side it is on. Line sections with double circuit construction or underbuild shall be designated. The nominal voltage and ownership of other circuits or underbuild shall be indicated.
- (2) The name of the county, county and section lines, section numbers, and the township and range numbers.
- (3) The location and identity of roads, railroads, major streams and bodies of water, and any other significant natural or man-made features or landmarks.
- (4) The name and corporate limits of cities.

c. Exhibit C. Technical information and engineering specifications describing typical materials, equipment and assembly methods as specified on forms provided by the board.

d. Exhibit D. The exhibit shall consist of a written text containing the following:

- (1) A listing of all existing franchises for which extension in whole or in part is sought, including the docket number, franchise number, date of issue, county of location, and to whom granted.
- (2) A listing of all amendments to the franchises listed in (1), including the docket number, amendment number, date of issue, and the purpose of the amendment.
- (3) A description of any substantial rebuilds, reconstructions, alterations, relocations, or changes in operation not included in a prior franchise or amendment action.
- (4) A description of any changes in ownership or operating and maintenance responsibility.

(5) An allegation, with supporting testimony, that the line remains necessary to serve a public use and represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest.

(6) Any other information or explanations in support of the petition.

11.2(3) Form of petition for abbreviated franchise process. A petition for a new franchise or an amendment to a franchise filed pursuant to the abbreviated franchise process set forth in 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 279 [Iowa Code Supplement section 478.1(5)], shall be made on forms prescribed by the board, shall be notarized, and shall have all required exhibits attached. Exhibits in addition to those required by this subrule may be attached when appropriate. The exhibits that are required to be attached are as follows:

a. Exhibit A. A legal description of the route. The description shall include the name of the county, the maximum and nominal voltages, the beginning and ending points of the line, and whether the route is on public, private, or railroad right-of-way. The description shall identify any termini located in other counties.

b. Exhibit B. A map showing the route of the line drawn with reasonable accuracy considering the scale. The map may be to any scale appropriate for the level of detail to be shown, but not smaller than one inch to the mile. The following minimum information shall be provided:

(1) The route of the electric line which is the subject of the petition, including the starting and ending points and, when parallel to a road or railroad, the side on which the line is located. Line sections with double circuit construction or underbuild shall be designated. The nominal voltage and ownership of other circuits or underbuild shall be indicated.

(2) The name of the county, county and section lines, section numbers, and the township and range numbers.

(3) The location and identity of roads, railroads, major streams and bodies of water, and any other significant natural or man-made features or landmarks.

(4) The name and corporate limits of cities.

(5) If any deviation from the existing route is proposed, the original and proposed routes shall be shown and identified.

c. Exhibit C. Technical information and engineering specifications describing typical materials, equipment, and assembly methods as specified on forms provided by the board.

d. Exhibit D. The exhibit shall consist of written text containing the following:

(1) A listing of any existing franchises that would be terminated or amended in whole or in part by this petition, including the docket number, franchise number, date of issue, county of location, and to whom granted.

(2) An allegation, with supporting testimony, that the project is eligible for the abbreviated franchise process.

(3) An allegation, with supporting testimony, that the project is necessary to serve a public use and represents an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest.

(4) An explanation for any deviations from the existing line route.

e. Exhibit E. A statement that the right of eminent domain is not being requested.

f. Exhibit F. The exhibit shall consist of a showing of notice to other electric, pipeline, telephone, communication, cable television, rural water district, and railroad companies that are crossed by or in shared right-of-way with the proposed electric line.

g. Exhibit G. The exhibit shall consist of the form of notice to be mailed in accordance with subrule 11.5(11) to owners of and persons residing on property where construction shall occur.