

199—11.3 (478) Additional filing instructions.

11.3(1) Forms. The following forms are available from the board, and the appropriate form shall be used when filing any petition. An original and three copies of the petition and exhibits shall be filed, unless the petition and exhibits are filed electronically pursuant to the board's electronic filing rules at 199—Chapter 14.

a. Petition for Franchise. Temporary Construction Permits may also be requested on this form where the permits are allowed by Iowa Code section 478.31.

b. Petition for Extension of Franchise.

c. Petition for Amendment to Franchise.

d. Petition for Permit to Survey.

e. Exhibit C: Engineering Specifications for Overhead Transmission Line.

f. Exhibit C-UG: Engineering Specifications for Underground Transmission Line.

g. Petition for Franchise or Amendment to Franchise Under Abbreviated Franchise Process.

11.3(2) When filing is required.

a. A petition for franchise shall be filed with the board for the construction of any electric line outside of a city which is capable of operating at a nominal voltage of 69 kilovolts or more, except that a franchise is not required for electric lines located entirely within the boundaries of property owned by an electric company or an end user.

b. A petition for extension of franchise may be filed at any time after the issuance of the franchise, but must be filed prior to its expiration. The extension of more than one franchise may be requested in a single petition, including for all franchised lines in a county as provided for in Iowa Code section 478.13.

However, an extension of franchise is unnecessary for an electric line which is capable of operating at 69 kilovolts or more, when the line has been permanently retired from operation at 69 kilovolts or more, and the board has been notified of the retirement. The line may remain in service at a lesser voltage. The notice shall include the franchise number and issue date, the docket number, and, if the entire franchised line is not retired, a map showing the location of the portion retired.

c. A petition for amendment to franchise shall be filed with the board for approval prior to:

(1) Increasing the operating voltage of any electric line, or the level to which it is capable of operating, to a voltage greater than that specified in the existing franchise.

(2) Construction of an additional circuit which is capable of operating at a nominal voltage of 69 kilovolts or more on a previously franchised line, where an additional circuit at such voltage is not authorized by the existing franchise.

(3) Relocation of a franchised electric line to a route different from that authorized by an existing franchise. For the purpose of this subrule, relocation means changing the route of an existing electric line in a manner which requires that new or additional interests in property be obtained, or that new or additional authorization be obtained from highway or railroad authorities, for a total distance of one mile or more, except that an amendment is not required for relocations made pursuant to Iowa Code section 318.9(2). Petitions for amendment to franchise may be filed for relocations of less than one mile if the right of eminent domain is sought.

(4) An amendment to franchise shall not be required for a voltage increase, additional circuit, or electric line relocation where such activity takes place entirely within the boundaries of property owned by an electric company or an end user.

11.3(3) Form of papers.

a. All petition papers shall be cut or folded so as not to exceed a width of 8½ inches and a length of 11 inches.

b. All petition maps or drawings shall be cut or folded so as not to exceed a width of 8½ inches and a length of 11 inches. The unfolded sheet shall be limited to a maximum size of 24 inches by 36 inches.

c. All maps and drawings submitted to the board shall be neatly and clearly drawn, shall have an appropriate legend, and shall have a title block or heading which indicates its origin and purpose.

d. Insofar as practicable, all papers, maps or drawings to be submitted as hearing exhibits shall be cut or folded so as not to exceed a width of 8½ inches and a length of 11 inches.

11.3(4) *Multiple county.* For a proposed line to be constructed in more than one county a petition for each county shall be filed in a form which provides for a general description of the total project, including a separate legal description for the line route in each county so that an official notice may be prepared for each county separately. A franchise or certificate for construction of lines or improvements will be prepared for each county separately, although they may be consolidated and acted upon by one order.

11.3(5) *Segmental ownership.*

a. Petitions covering line routes, having segments of the total line with different owners, shall establish the need to serve the public use for the total line.

b. Petitions covering line routes, having segments of the total line with different owners, shall include affidavits furnished by the other owners certifying that said other owners will actually construct a particular segment.

11.3(6) *Termini.* This means the electrically functional end points of an electric line, without which it could not serve a public use. Examples include generating stations, substations, or other electric lines. In any franchise petition the termini must be identified in Exhibit A, B, or D.

11.3(7) *Compliance with Iowa electrical safety code.* If review of Exhibit C, or inspection of an existing electric line which is the subject of a franchise petition, finds noncompliance with 199 IAC 25, the Iowa electrical safety code, no final action will be taken by the board on the petition without a satisfactory showing by petitioner that the areas of noncompliance have been or will be corrected. Any disputed safety code compliance issues will be resolved by the board.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 474.5 and chapter 478.