

199—26.3(17A,476) Tariffs required.**26.3(1) Tariffs to be filed.**

a. A utility shall not make effective any new or changed rate, charge, schedule, or regulation until it has been approved by the board and the board has determined an effective date, except as provided in Iowa Code sections 476.6(8) and 476.6(9). A proposed tariff consistent with this rule shall be filed with an application for a new or changed rate, charge, schedule, or regulation.

b. If the proposed new or changed rate, charge, schedule, or regulation is neither rejected nor approved by the board, the board will docket the tariff filing as a formal proceeding within 30 days after the filing date.

c. Proposed new or changed rates, charges, schedules, or regulations which contain energy efficiency expenditures and related costs for demand-side programs shall not be included in a utility's proposed tariff which relates to a general increase in revenue. A utility may propose to recover the costs of process-oriented industrial assessments not related to energy efficiency as defined in rule 199—35.2(476).

d. The consumer advocate or any customer affected by the filing may submit within 20 days after the filing date a written objection to the filing and a written request that the board docket the filing. The board may grant the request at its discretion. The written objections and requests for docketing shall set forth specific grounds relied upon in making the objection or request.

26.3(2) Transmittal letter and tariff changes.

a. Two versions of all applicable proposed tariff revisions along with an accompanying transmittal letter shall be filed at the same time as an application for a general increase in rates. One version shall be a marked version that shows all of the tariff language changes for which the utility seeks approval. The second version shall be a clean copy of the tariff with all of the proposed tariff language changes incorporated. The transmittal letter shall include or be accompanied by such information as is necessary to explain the nature, effect, and purpose of the proposed tariff. The information shall include, when applicable:

- (1) The amount of the aggregate annual increase or decrease proposed.
- (2) The names of communities affected.
- (3) A summary of the reasons for filing and such other information as may be necessary to support the proposed changes.

- (4) The number and classification of customers affected.

b. The marked version shall show all additions and deletions, with all new language marked by underlined text and all deleted language indicated by strike-through. The original sheet shall include the following symbols in the right margin to indicate the place, nature, and extent of any text changes.

- (1) The symbol C shall indicate a change in regulation.
- (2) The symbol D shall indicate a discontinued rate or regulation.
- (3) The symbol I shall indicate an increased rate.
- (4) The symbol N shall indicate a new treatment or regulation.
- (5) The symbol R shall indicate a reduced rate.

- (6) The symbol T shall indicate a change in the text that does not include a changed rate or regulation.

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