

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed amendment of Rules 25-4.0161, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies; 25-6.0131, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Investor-owned Electric Companies, Municipal Electric Utilities, Rural Electric Cooperatives; 25-7.101, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Natural Gas Transmission Companies; 25-7.0131, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Gas Utilities, Gas Municipals, and Gas Districts; and 25-30.120, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Water and Wastewater Utilities.

DOCKET NO. 20260041-OT
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0283-NOR-OT
ISSUED: August 18, 2026

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH, Chairman
GARY F. CLARK
MIKE LA ROSA
BOBBY PAYNE
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, has proposed the amendment of the following Rules:

25-4.0161, F.A.C.	Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.
25-6.0131, F.A.C.	Regulatory Assessment Fees; Investor-owned Electric Companies, Municipal Electric Utilities, Rural Electric Cooperatives.
25-7.0131, F.A.C.	Regulatory Assessment Fees; Gas Utilities, Gas Municipals, and Gas Districts.
25-7.101, F.A.C.	Regulatory Assessment Fees; Natural Gas Transmission Companies.
25-30.120, F.A.C.	Regulatory Assessment Fees; Water and Wastewater Utilities.

The attached Notices of Proposed Rule appeared in the August 18, 2026 edition (Vol. 52, Number 160) of the Florida Administrative Register.

If timely requested, a hearing will be held at a time and place to be announced in a future notice.

Requests for hearing on the proposed rules, information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or proposals for a lower cost regulatory alternative must be provided in writing and received by the Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, no later than September 8, 2026.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 18th day of August, 2026.



ADAM FEITZMAN
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399
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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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Notice of Proposed Rule

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

25-4.0161 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rule to include current Commission form references and hyperlinks and to effect the review mandated by Section 120.5435, F.S.

Docket No. 20260041-OT

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments delete obsolete provisions, update the hyperlinks and Commission forms incorporated by reference, and provide necessary updates to conform to Commission practice and procedure.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC can be viewed in its entirety on the Commission's website at <https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/library/filings/2026/05014-2026/05014-2026.pdf>.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2), F.S., and concluded that the rule amendments will not likely increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, or have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, productivity, or innovation in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of implementation. The proposed rule amendments would have no impact on small business, would have no implementation cost to the Commission or other state and local government entities, and would have no impact on small cities or counties.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 350.113, 364.285, 364.336, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jennifer Augspurger, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850)413-6199, jaugspur@psc.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-4.0161 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

(1) No change.

~~(2)(a) For the interim period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, as applicable and as provided in Sections 350.113 and 364.336, F.S., each company shall remit a fee based upon its gross operating revenue as provided below. Each company that has paid by August 15, 2011, regulatory assessment fees for the period January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011, shall pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.0016 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business during the period July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Each company that has not paid any regulatory assessment fees for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, shall pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.0018 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. The minimum regulatory assessment fees provided in paragraph (2)(b) shall apply and shall be filed in accordance with the schedules provided in subsections (3) and (4). For the purpose of determining this fee, each telecommunications company shall deduct from gross operating revenues any amount paid to another telecommunications company for the use of any telecommunications network to provide service to its customers.~~

~~(2)(b)~~ Effective January 1, 2012, as applicable and as provided in Sections 350.113 and 364.336, F.S., each company must ~~shall~~ remit a fee based upon its gross operating revenue as provided below. This fee is ~~shall be~~ referred to as a regulatory assessment fee, and each company must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.0016 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. For the purpose of determining this fee, each telecommunications company must ~~shall~~ deduct from gross operating revenues any amount paid to another telecommunications company for the use of any telecommunications network to provide service to its customers. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee will ~~shall~~ be imposed as follows:

~~(a)1.~~ No change.

~~(b)2.~~ No change.

(3) Telecommunications companies that owed gross regulatory assessment fees of \$10,000 or more for the preceding calendar year must ~~shall~~ pay the fee and remit the appropriate form twice a year. The regulatory assessment fee and appropriate form must ~~shall~~ be filed no later than July 30 for the preceding period of January 1 through June 30, and no later than January 30 of the following year for the period of July 1 through December 31. Telecommunications companies that owed gross regulatory assessment fees of less than \$10,000 for the preceding calendar year must ~~shall~~ pay the fee and remit the appropriate form once a year. The regulatory assessment fee and appropriate form must ~~shall~~ be filed no later than January 30 of the subsequent year for the current calendar year operations.

(4) If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is extended to the next business day. If the fees are sent by registered mail, the date of the registration is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. If the fees are sent by certified mail and the receipt is postmarked by a postal employee, the date on the receipt is the United States Postal Service's

postmark date. The postmarked certified mail receipt is evidence that the fees were mailed delivered. Regulatory assessment fees are considered paid on the date they are postmarked by the United States Postal Service or received and logged in by the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services in Tallahassee. Fees are considered timely paid if properly addressed, with sufficient postage, and postmarked no later than the due date.

(5) Commission Form PSC 1039 (08/26) PSC/TEL 159 (12/11), entitled "Local Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19792>, and <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00761>; Form PSC/TEL 160 (12/11), entitled "~~Interim Local Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return~~," is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00762>; Form PSC 1038 (08/26) PSC/TEL 26 (12/11), entitled "Pay Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19791> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00760>; and Form PSC/TEL 161 (12/11), entitled "~~Interim Pay Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return~~," is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00763>. These forms are incorporated into this rule by reference and may also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services. The failure of a telecommunications company to receive a return form does shall not excuse the company from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment fees.

(6) Each telecommunications company has shall have up to and including the due date in which to submit the applicable form and:

(a) through (b) No change.

(7) Where the company remits less than its full fee, the remainder of the full fee is shall be due on or before the 30th day from the due date and must shall, where the amount remitted was less than 90 percent of the total regulatory assessment fee, include interest as provided by paragraph (9)(b) of this rule.

(8) A company may request either a 15-day or a 30-day extension of its due date for payment of regulatory assessment fees or for filing its return form by submitting, to the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services, Commission Form PSC 1037 (08/26), PSC/AIT 124 (12/11) entitled "Regulatory Assessment Fee Extension Request," which is incorporated into this rule by reference and is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19790> <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-00764>. This form may also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) If Where a telecommunications company receives an extension of its due date pursuant to this rule, the telecommunications company must shall remit a charge as set out in Section 350.113(5), F.S., in addition to the regulatory assessment fees.

(9) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the telecommunications company pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.113, F.S., and this rule, begins with the first

calendar day after any date established as the due date either by operation of this rule or by an extension pursuant to this rule.

(a) A penalty, as set out in Section 350.113, F.S., applies ~~shall apply~~ to any such delinquent amounts.

(b) Interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum applies ~~shall apply~~ to any such delinquent amounts.

(10) The Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services will ~~shall~~ send by certified mail a regulatory assessment fee delinquency notice to any company that fails to file a regulatory assessment fee return and that fails to pay the regulatory assessment fee by the date specified in subsection (3), unless the company has met the requirements of subsections (7) and (8).

(11) If a company fails to pay the regulatory assessment fee within 20 days after receiving a delinquency notice, the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services, in cooperation with the Division of Economics ~~Office of Telecommunications~~ and the Office of General Counsel, will establish a docket and administratively issue a “Notice of Proposed Agency Action Order Imposing Penalties and Collection Costs, and Requiring Payment of Delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, or Cancelling Certificates for Violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., and Section 364.336, F.S.” The company must pay the past due regulatory assessment fees, the penalty and interest for late payment as provided in Section 350.113, F.S., and as stated in subsection (9) above, and must also pay the applicable penalty stated in subsection (12) for failure to file the regulatory assessment fee return.

(12) Pursuant to Section 364.285, F.S., the Commission has the authority to impose a penalty or cancel a certificate if a company refuses to comply with Commission rules, orders, or Florida Statutes. The penalty, which includes ~~will include~~ collection costs, for failure to file the regulatory assessment fee return by the date stated in the delinquency notice is ~~shall be~~ as follows:

(a) through (c) No change.

Failure of the company to pay the full amount due and stated in the Notice of Proposed Agency Action will result in the cancellation of the company’s certificate.

(13) For a company’s fourth failure to pay the regulatory assessment fee after being sent a delinquency notice, Commission staff will ~~shall~~ file a recommendation to the Commission for further action.

(14) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 364.285, 364.336 FS. History—New 5-18-83, Formerly 25-4.161, Amended 10-19-86, 1-1-91, 12-29-91, 1-8-95, 12-26-95, 7-7-96, 11-11-99, 12-7-04, 10-6-05, 4-16-07, 12-4-11, ____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Cecilia Galloway

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 4, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: March 26, 2026, Volume 52, Number 59

Notice of Proposed Rule

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

25-6.0131 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Investor-owned Electric Companies, Municipal Electric Utilities, Rural Electric Cooperatives

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rule to include current Commission form references and hyperlinks and to effect the review mandated by Section 120.5435, F.S.

Docket No. 20260041-OT

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments update the hyperlinks and Commission forms incorporated by reference and provide necessary updates to conform to Commission practice and procedure.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC can be viewed in its entirety on the Commission's website at <https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/library/filings/2026/04990-2026/04990-2026.pdf>.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2), F.S., and concluded that the proposed rule amendments will not likely increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, or have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, productivity, or innovation in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of implementation. The proposed rule amendments would have no impact on small business, would have no implementation cost to the Commission or other state and local government entities, and would have no impact on small cities or counties.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 350.113, 366.14, F.S.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jennifer Augspurger, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850)413-6199, jaugspur@psc.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-6.0131 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Investor-owned Electric Companies, Municipal Electric Utilities, Rural Electric Cooperatives.

(1) As applicable and as provided in Section 350.113, F.S., and Section 366.14, F.S., each company, utility, or cooperative must ~~shall~~ remit to the Commission a fee based upon its gross operating revenue. This fee is ~~shall be~~ referred to as a regulatory assessment fee. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, utility, or cooperative, a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee of \$25 will ~~shall~~ be imposed.

(a) Each investor-owned electric company must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.000848 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business, excluding sales for resale between investor-owned electric companies, municipal electric utilities, and rural electric cooperatives or any combination thereof.

(b) Each municipal electric utility and rural electric cooperative must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.00009905 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business, excluding sales for resale between investor-owned electric companies, municipal electric utilities, and rural electric cooperatives or any combination thereof.

(2) No change.

(3) If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, the due date is extended to the next business day. If the fees are sent by registered mail, the date of the registration is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. If the fees are sent by certified mail and the receipt is postmarked by a postal employee, the date on the receipt is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. The postmarked certified mail receipt is evidence that the fees were mailed ~~delivered~~. Regulatory assessment fees are considered paid on the date they are postmarked by the United States Postal Service or received and logged in by the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services in Tallahassee. Fees are considered timely paid if properly addressed, with sufficient postage and postmarked no later than the due date.

(4) Commission Form PSC 1040 (08/26) ~~PSC/ECO 68 (01/24)~~, entitled "Investor-Owned Electric Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19793> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16449~~; Commission Form PSC 1041 (08/26) ~~PSC/ECO 69 (01/24)~~, entitled "Municipal Electric Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19794> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16450~~; and Commission Form PSC 1042 (08/26) ~~PSC/ECO 70 (01/24)~~, entitled "Rural Electric Cooperative Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19795> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16448~~. These forms are incorporated into this rule by reference and may ~~be~~ also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services. The failure of a company, utility, or cooperative to receive a return form does ~~shall~~ not excuse the company, utility, or cooperative from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment fees.

(5) Each company, utility, or cooperative ~~has~~ shall have up to and including the due date in which to:

(a) though (b) No change.

(6) Where the company, utility, or cooperative remits less than its full fee, the remainder of the full fee ~~is shall be~~ due on or before the 30th day from the due date and must shall, where the amount remitted was less than 90 percent of the total regulatory assessment fee, include interest as provided by paragraph (8)(b) of this rule.

(7) A company, utility, or cooperative may request either a 15-day or a 30-day extension of its due date for payment of regulatory assessment fees or for filing its return form by submitting to the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services Commission Form PSC 1037 (08/26) ~~PSC/AIT-124 (12/11)~~, entitled “Regulatory Assessment Fee Extension Request,” which is incorporated into this rule by reference and is available at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19941>

~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02620~~. This form may also be obtained from the Commission’s Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) ~~If Where~~ a company, utility, or cooperative receives an extension of its due date pursuant to this rule, the entity must shall remit a charge as set out in Section 350.113(5), F.S., in addition to the regulatory assessment fee.

(8) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the company, utility, or cooperative pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.113, F.S., and this rule, begins with the first calendar day after any date established as the due date either by operation of this rule or by an extension pursuant to this rule.

(a) A penalty, as set out in Section 350.113(4), F.S., applies shall apply to any such delinquent amounts.

(b) Interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum applies shall apply to any such delinquent amounts.

Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 366.05 FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 366.14 FS. History—New 5-18-83, Amended 2-9-84, Formerly 25-6.131, Amended 6-18-86, 10-16-86, 3-7-89, 2-19-92, 7-7-96, 1-1-99, 5-7-13, 4-1-24, ____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Cecilia Galloway

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DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 4, 2026

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Notice of Proposed Rule

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

25-7.0131 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Gas Utilities, Gas Municipals, and Gas Districts

25-7.101 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Natural Gas Transmission Companies

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rules to include current Commission form references and hyperlinks and to effect the review mandated by Section 120.5435, F.S. Docket No. 20260041-OT

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments update the hyperlinks and Commission forms incorporated by reference and provide necessary updates to conform to Commission practice and procedure.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC can be viewed in its entirety on the Commission's website at <https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/library/filings/2026/04991-2026/04991-2026.pdf>.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2), F.S., and concluded that the proposed rule amendments will not likely increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, or have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, productivity, or innovation in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of implementation. The proposed rule amendments would have no impact on small business, would have no implementation cost to the Commission or other state and local government entities, and would have no impact on small cities or counties.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05, 368.104, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 350.113, 366.14, 368.109, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jennifer Augspurger, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850)413-6199, jaugspur@psc.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-7.0131 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Gas Utilities, Gas Municipals, and Gas Districts.

(1) As applicable and as provided in Sections 350.113 and 366.14, F.S., each gas utility, municipal, or gas district must ~~shall~~ remit a fee based upon its gross operating revenue. This fee ~~is shall be~~ referred to as a regulatory assessment fee. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee of \$25 will ~~shall~~ be imposed.

(a) Each investor-owned gas utility must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .005 of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business, excluding sales for resale between public utilities, municipal gas utilities, and gas districts or any combination thereof.

(b) Each municipal or gas district must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.001919 of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business, excluding sales for resale between public utilities, municipal gas utilities, and gas district or any combination thereof.

(2) No change.

(3) If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the due date is extended to the next business day. If the fees are sent by registered mail, the date of the registration is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. If the fees are sent by certified mail and the receipt is postmarked by a postal employee, the date and the receipt is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. The postmarked certified mail receipt is evidence that the fees were mailed ~~delivered~~. Regulatory assessment fees are considered paid on the date they are postmarked by the United States Postal Service or received and logged in by the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services in Tallahassee. Fees are considered timely paid if properly addressed, with sufficient postage and postmarked no later than the due date.

(4) Commission Form PSC 1044 (08/26) ~~PSC/AFD-67 (01/99)~~, entitled "Investor-Owned Natural Gas Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19797>; ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02613~~ and Form PSC 1043 (08/26) ~~PSC/AFD-71 (07/96)~~, entitled "Gas Municipal or Gas District Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19796>; ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02614~~. These forms are incorporated into this rule by reference and may also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services. The failure of a utility to receive a return form does ~~shall~~ not excuse the utility from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment fees.

(5) Each utility, municipal, and gas district has ~~shall have~~ up to and including the due date in which to:

(a) Remit the total amount of its fee, or

(b) No change.

(6) Where the utility, municipal, or gas district remits less than its full fee, the remainder of the full fee ~~is shall be~~ due on or before the 30th day from the due date and must shall, where the amount remitted was less than 90 percent of the total regulatory assessment fee, include interest as provided by paragraph (8)(b) of this rule.

(7) A utility, municipal, or gas district may request either a 15-day or a 30-day extension of its due date for payment of regulatory assessment fees or for filing its return form by submitting to the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services Commission Form PSC 1037 (08/26), ~~PSC/AIT-124 (12/11)~~ entitled "Regulatory Assessment Fee Extension Request," which is incorporated into this rule by reference and is available at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19943> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02621~~. This form may also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) ~~If Where~~ a utility, municipal, or gas district receives an extension of its due date pursuant to this rule, the entity must ~~utility, municipal, or gas district shall~~ remit a charge as set out in Section 350.113(5), F.S., in addition to the regulatory assessment fee.

(8) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the utility, municipal, or gas district pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.113, F.S., and this rule, begins with the first calendar day after any date established as the due date either by operation of this rule or by an extension pursuant to this rule.

(a) A penalty, as set out in Section 350.113, F.S., applies ~~shall apply~~ to any such delinquent amounts.

(b) Interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum applies ~~shall apply~~ to any such delinquent amounts.

Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 366.05 FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 366.14 FS. History--New 5-18-83, Formerly 25-7.131, Amended 10-19-86, 4-25-90, 7-7-96, 1-1-99, 5-7-13,_____.

25-7.101 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Natural Gas Transmission Companies.

(1) As provided in Section 368.109, F.S., each natural gas transmission company must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee. The regulatory assessment fee is ~~shall be~~ 0.25 percent annually of the natural gas transmission company's gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business, excluding sales of gas for resale to natural gas transmission companies, public utilities that supply gas, municipal gas utilities and gas districts.

(2) No change.

(3) If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the due date is extended to the next business day. If the fees are sent by registered mail, the date of the registration is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. If the fees are sent by certified mail and the receipt is postmarked by a postal employee, the date on the receipt is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. The postmarked certified mail receipt is evidence that the fees were mailed ~~delivered~~. Regulatory assessment fees are considered paid on the date they are postmarked by the United States Postal Service or received and logged in by the Commission's Division of

Administrative and Information Technology Services in Tallahassee. Fees are considered timely paid if properly addressed, with sufficient postage, and postmarked no later than the due date.

(4) Commission Form PSC 1045 (08/26) ~~PSC/AFD 244 (02/98)~~, entitled “Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline ~~Company~~ Regulatory Assessment Fee Return,” is incorporated into this rule by reference and is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19798>; ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02615~~. This form may also be obtained from the Commission’s Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services. The failure of a utility to receive a return form does ~~shall~~ not excuse the utility from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment fees.

(5) Each natural gas transmission company has ~~shall have~~ up to and including the due date in which to remit the total amount of its fee.

(6) Where the natural gas transmission company remits less than its full fee, the remainder of the full fee is ~~shall be~~ due on or before the 30th day from the due date and must ~~shall~~, where the amount remitted was less than 90 percent of the total regulatory assessment fee, include interest as provided by paragraph (8)(b) of this rule.

(7) A company may request either a 15-day or a 30-day extension of its due date for payment of regulatory assessment fees or for filing its return form by submitting, to the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services, Commission Form PSC 1037 (08/26), ~~PSC/AIT 124 (12/11)~~ entitled “Regulatory Assessment Fee Extension Request,” which is incorporated by reference in Rule 25-7.0131, F.A.C. This form may also be obtained from the Commission’s Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) If ~~Where~~ a utility receives either a 15-day or a 30-day extension of its due date pursuant to this rule, the utility must ~~shall~~ remit a charge as set out in Section 350.113(5), F.S., in addition to the regulatory assessment fee.

(8) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the company, pursuant to the provisions of Section 368.109, F.S., and this rule, begins with the first calendar day after any date established as the due date by operation of this rule.

(a) A penalty, as set out in Section 350.113, F.S., applies ~~shall apply~~ to any such delinquent amounts.

(b) Interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum applies ~~shall apply~~ to any such delinquent amounts.

Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 368.104 FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 368.109 FS. History—New 9-13-98, Amended 5-7-13,

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Notice of Proposed Rule

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

25-30.120 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Water and Wastewater Utilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update and clarify the rule to include current Commission form references and hyperlinks to effect the review mandated by Section 120.5435, F.S. Docket No. 20260041-OT

SUMMARY: The proposed rule amendments update the Commission forms incorporated by reference in the rule, the hyperlinks to the forms, and provide necessary updates to conform to Commission practice and procedure.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC can be viewed in its entirety on the Commission's website at <https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/library/filings/2026/04988-2026/04988-2026.pdf>.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2), F.S., and concluded that the proposed rule amendments will not likely increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, or have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, productivity, or innovation in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of implementation. The proposed rule amendments would have no impact on small business, would have no implementation cost to the Commission or other state and local government entities, and would have no impact on small cities or counties.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 367.121, F.S

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 350.113, 367.145, 367.161, F.S

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jennifer Augspurger, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850)413-6199, jaugspur@psc.state.fl.us.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-30.120 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Water and Wastewater Utilities.

(1) As applicable and as provided in Section 350.113, F.S., each utility must ~~shall~~ remit a fee based upon its gross operating revenue. This fee is ~~shall be~~ referred to as a regulatory assessment fee. Each utility must ~~shall~~ pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.045 of its gross revenues derived from intrastate business. The gross revenues reported for regulatory assessment fee purposes must agree with the amount reported as operating revenue on Schedule F-3 of the Operating Statement in the company's Annual Report, filed in accordance with Rule 25-30.110, F.A.C. A minimum annual regulatory assessment fee of \$25 will ~~shall~~ be imposed if there are no revenues or if revenues are insufficient to generate a minimum annual fee.

(2) The obligation to remit the regulatory assessment fees for any year applies ~~shall apply~~ to any utility that is subject to this Commission's jurisdiction on or before December 31 of that year or for any part of that year.

(a) For large utilities with annual revenues of \$200,000 or more based on the most recent prior calendar year, regulatory assessment fees must ~~shall~~ be filed with the Commission on or before July 30 for the preceding period or any part of the period from January 1 until June 30, and on January 30 for the preceding period or any part of the period from July 1 until December 31. Commission Form PSC 1046 (08/26), ~~PSC/AFD 010 WL (02/05)~~ entitled "Large Water Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19799>, ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02618~~ and Commission Form PSC 1048 (08/26), ~~PSC/AFD 017 WL (02/05)~~ entitled "Large Wastewater Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19801>; ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02619~~. These forms are incorporated into this rule by reference and may also be obtained from the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services. The failure of a utility to receive a return form does ~~shall~~ not excuse the utility from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment fees.

(b) For small utilities with annual revenues of less than \$200,000 based on the most recent prior calendar year, regulatory assessment fees must ~~shall~~ be filed with the Commission on or before March 31 for the preceding year ended December 31. Commission Form PSC 1047 (08/26), ~~PSC/AFD 010 WS (02/05)~~ entitled "Small Water Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19800>; ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02616~~ and Commission Form PSC 1049 (08/26), ~~PSC/AFD 017 WS (02/05)~~ entitled "Small Wastewater Utility Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," is available at <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19802>; ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02617~~. These forms are incorporated into this rule by reference and may also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services. The failure of a utility to receive a return form does ~~shall~~ not excuse the utility from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment fees.

(c) For the purpose of this rule, a utility operating both a water system and a wastewater system ~~must shall~~ consider each system separately in determining the revenue threshold for filing regulatory assessment fees on either an annual or semi-annual basis.

(d) No change.

(3) If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the due date is extended to the next business day. If the fees are sent by registered mail, the date of the registration is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. If the fees are sent by certified mail and the receipt is postmarked by a postal employee, the date on the receipt is the United States Postal Service's postmark date. The postmarked certified mail receipt is evidence that the fees were mailed delivered.

(4) Each utility ~~has shall have~~ up to and including the due date in which to:

(a) though (b) No change.

(5) No change.

(6) A utility may request either a 15-day or a 30-day extension of its due date for payment of regulatory assessment fees or for filing its return form by submitting to the Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services Commission Form PSC 1037 (08/26), ~~PSC/AIT 124 (12/11)~~ entitled "Regulatory Assessment Fee Extension Request," which is incorporated into this rule by reference and is available at: <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19942> ~~http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02622~~. This form may also be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) ~~If Where~~ a utility receives either a 15-day extension or a 30-day extension of its due date pursuant to this rule, the utility ~~must shall~~ remit a charge as set out in Section 350.113(5), F.S., in addition to the regulatory assessment fee.

(7) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the utility pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.113, F.S., and this rule, begins with the first calendar day after any date established as the due date either by operation of this rule or by an extension pursuant to this rule.

(a) Pursuant to Section 350.113, F.S., a penalty ~~will shall~~ be assessed against any utility that fails to pay its regulatory assessment fee by March 31, in the following manner:

1. through 2. No change.

(b) No change.

(8) Any utility that requests and receives an extension of not more than 30 days, or remits, by the due date, an estimated fee payment of at least 90 percent of the actual fee due, ~~will shall~~ not be charged interest or penalty on the balance due if the balance is paid within the extension period.

Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 367.121(1) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 367.145, 367.161 FS. History--New 5-18-83, Formerly 25-10.24, Amended 10-19-86, Formerly 25-10.024, Amended 11-10-86, 2-8-90, 7-7-96, 2-3-05, 5-7-13,_____.

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