

## Chapter PSC 164

### FILING OF INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE COMPANIES

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**PSC 164.01 Filing of information.** Any public utility engaged in furnishing telecommunications service which determines to furnish service to its employees, pensioners, and officers at no charge or at charges less than those prescribed in its published schedules or tariffs, as provided in s. 196.60, Stats., shall inform the public service commission as prescribed in s. PSC 164.02 of the conditions and circumstances under which it will be furnished.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64; CR 06-046: am. Register April 2007 No. 616, eff. 5-1-07.

**PSC 164.02 Altered conditions of service.** Every telephone public utility to which the foregoing is applicable shall file such information with the public service commission in writing not later than 30 days after the effective date of these rules. In the event the terms and conditions of such service are altered, the utility shall file with the commission an additional statement in writing setting forth in full such altered conditions.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1964, No. 104, eff. 9-1-64.

**PSC 164.03 Rate changes for small telephone companies.** If a small telephone company proposes an increase in rates, it shall file the following information with the public service commission pursuant to s. 196.20 (5) (b) 1., Stats.

- (1) Analysis of depreciation reserve for the test year.
- (2) Analysis of forecasted balance sheet adjustments from the company's most recent annual report submitted to the commission to the beginning of the test year.
- (3) Analysis of forecasted balance sheet adjustments for the test year.
- (4) Analysis of plant additions and retirements for the test year period.
- (5) Balance sheet data representing the most recent annual period reported in the company's annual report to the public service commission and the forecasted balances at the beginning and end of the test year.
- (6) Capital structure and rate of return computation.
- (7) Computation of average net investment rate base for the test year.
- (8) Computation of test year tax savings depreciation.
- (9) Income statements for the base year, forecasted test year at present rates, and forecasted test year at proposed rates.
- (10) Schedules summarizing the effect of proposed revenue increases for the forecasted test year in the following areas:
  - (a) Other operating taxes.
  - (b) Income taxes.
  - (c) Uncollectible operating revenue.
- (11) Schedules summarizing computations for the forecasted test year, including:
  1. Local service revenue.

2. Toll service revenue.
3. Miscellaneous operating revenues.
4. Uncollectible operating revenues.
- (b) *Expenses.*
  1. Amortization.
  2. Commercial.
  3. Depreciation.
  4. General office salaries and expense.
  5. Other operating taxes at present rates.
  6. Income taxes at present rates.
  7. Interest and fixed charges.
  8. Investment tax credit deferred.
  9. Investment tax credit restored.
  10. Maintenance.
  11. Other operating expenses.
  12. Traffic.

(c) *Access line count.*

(12) Summary of significant forecast assumptions.

(13) Proposed changes to rates and charges to derive the additional revenue requirement. This should contain sufficient detail to show the revenue impact of each proposed change.

(14) Cost data or other justification to support changes for items other than local exchange access line rates.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1985, No. 354, eff. 7-1-85.

**PSC 164.04 Notice to customers.** (1) The notice to customers and other persons who have requested notice required by s. 196.20 (5) (c), Stats., shall contain:

- (a) The name and address of the telephone company.
- (b) A statement that the telephone company is requesting an increase in rates.
- (c) A general description of the proposed increase, including the percentage increase over present revenues and including proposed increases for business and residential access lines, and for other services affecting significant numbers of customers. If rates vary by exchange, the range of proposed rate changes for each class of service may be given.
- (d) The date of mailing of the notice.
- (e) Reasons why the increase is being requested and a summary of major issues presented by the request.
- (f) A statement that within 30 days from the date of mailing a customer may:
  1. Submit written comments to the public service commission concerning the proposed rate increase, or
  2. Request a public hearing on the rate increase proposal under s. 227.44, Stats., by writing the public service commission.

(2) The notice shall be sent to the public service commission 7 days before being sent to the customers.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1985, No. 354, eff. 7-1-84; correction in (1) (f) 2. made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register April 2007 No. 616.