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Utility commission sets new rate rules

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), in three days of public hearings, adopted rules governing rates and services of utilities under its jurisdiction. The adoption of the rules marked the end of a thirty-day waiting period during which time public comment was actively solicited.

Representatives of various utility companies, plus such groups as the League of Women Voters, the Texas Municipal League, and the Texas Consumer Association were present and participated in the meeting.

The rules, which apply to all telephone companies in the state and all rural electric, water and sewerage

utilities, concerned three main areas: rate setting, service standards, and reporting requirements.

In setting rates, utilities will be allowed to charge advertising, contribution and donation expenditures in the rate base as long as those expenditures do not exceed three-tenths of one per cent (.3 per cent) of the gross receipts of the utility for services rendered to the public.

The commission encouraged fully-recoverable expenditures of such funds used for promoting conservation of energy or measures that can allow a consumer to save in his total bill. Other recoverable expenditures encouraged were those seeking to improve utility peak load usage and support of utility trade associations that directly contribute toward professional standing of their memberships.

Contributions to charitable causes and such organizations as Chambers of Commerce will be allowed as a cost of service so long as the total sum of all such expenditures does not exceed the .3 per cent formula.

The utilities were excluded from charging customers for funds spent for political or lobbying activities, membership in social, recreational, or religious organizations or clubs, or promotion of increased energy consumption. Utilities, if they choose, however, may spend investor dollars for these purposes.

Although the Texas Railroad Commission has jurisdiction over

natural gas in Texas, the PUC is empowered to examine all electric utilities' contracts for fuel supplies when the utility comes before the commission for a hearing. If any impropriety is found, the fuel supply contract may be disallowed. The total cost of fuel will be shown separately on all customer's bills and will no longer be included in the base charge.

This will have the effect of insuring that all customers — large and small alike — will pay the same rate for fuel which the electric utility uses for generation. Fuel consumption will thus be paid for on a per-kilowatt-hour basis. Utilities may continue to charge customers according to the actual cost of serving each class of customer, however.

The service standards set forth by the PUC deal with many areas of company-customer relations. Utilities are required to advise customers of rate changes, deferred payment plans for outstanding bills, and the most economical service available for the individual customer. Deferred payment plans may include a 5 per cent penalty for late payment, but may not include a finance charge.

Applicants for new service who can demonstrate a satisfactory credit rating by supplying generally accepted credit references and those persons aged 65 and older who do not have an outstanding balance for the same utility service will not be required to furnish a deposit. If a deposit for utility service is required, the company will refund such deposit automatically and will pay an interest charge of at least 6

per cent unless the deposit is funded within 30 days after receipt. Utility bills will be printed in a manner that a customer can read, understand and compute his bill. Residential customers will be charged a late-payment penalty and the terms "net" bill and "gross" bill, which will no longer apply to residential bills, will not be used. Commercial or industrial bills will be the utility is in fact granting a discount for prompt payment.

A copy of the applicable rate schedule will be mailed to the customer by the utility upon his request. The first rule to be adopted by the commission states in part:

"These rules shall be given a fair and impartial construction to obtain these objectives and shall be applied uniformly, regardless of race, creed, sex, or marital status."

The reporting section of the rules while lessening the burden on utilities to supply data to the PUC on a monthly basis, requires that companies supply the commission with information on quarterly annual bases regarding their costs and other expenses, such as advertising, contributions, employee expense accounts, and political lobbying expenditures.

The adopted Substantive Rules are being published by the PUC. Per-copy cost is \$2.95. You may obtain a copy by sending a check or money order payable to the State Treasurer and addressed to the Accounting Division, Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas 78757.



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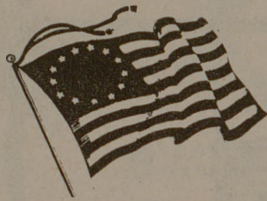
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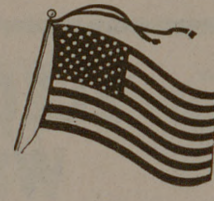
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