

CHAPTER 7831, UTILITIES; INTERVENOR COMPENSATION

7831.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subp. 8. **Final determination.** "Final determination" has the meaning given it in Minnesota Statutes, ~~sections 216B.16, subdivision 2, paragraph (c), and section~~ 237.075, subdivision 2, paragraph (c).

Subp. 12. **Issue.** "Issue" means a question, dispute, or controversy to be resolved in a proceeding held under Minnesota Statutes, section ~~216B.16 or~~ 237.075.

Subp. 16. **Proceeding.** "Proceeding" means a ~~rate change proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.16, or a~~ general rate case conducted under Minnesota Statutes, section 237.075. For purposes of this chapter, a procedural or supplemental matter is considered part of the main proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section ~~216B.16 or~~ 237.075, if it is decided or conducted by the commission or an administrative law judge on an issue or position considered in, related to, or supplemental to the main proceeding, or on the issue of intervenor compensation awarded. Procedural or supplemental matters include, for example: motions; orders; settlements; stipulations; prehearing conferences, determinations, or procedures; contested case hearings; reconsiderations or rehearings; and remanded hearings. Proceeding does not include matters considered during judicial appeal or review.

~~Subp. 18. **Utility.** "Utility" has the meaning given "public utility" in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 4.~~

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7831.0200 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedural and substantive criteria for reimbursing an intervenor for its intervenor costs incurred in a ~~rate change proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.16, subdivision 10, or a~~ general rate case under Minnesota Statutes, section 237.075, subdivision 10, when the intervenor has insufficient financial resources to afford its intervenor costs and has materially assisted the commission in its deliberations in the proceeding.

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7831.0300 REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION.

Subp. 4. **Budget.** The applicant shall file as part of the request an estimate of its intervenor costs, the basis for the estimate, the extent of financial commitment to participation, and a specific budget showing the total compensation, not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by Minnesota Statutes, section ~~216B.16, subdivision 10,~~ or 237.075, subdivision 10, to which the applicant believes it may be entitled.

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7831.0800 AWARD OF COMPENSATION.

Subp. 5. **Maximum amount awarded.** The total amount of the award for a proceeding may be all or part of the amount claimed, but must not exceed the maximum allowed under Minnesota Statutes, section ~~216B.16, subdivision 10,~~ or 237.075, subdivision 10.

Subp. 6. **Payment.** The ~~utility or~~ telephone company that was the subject of the proceeding shall pay the award of compensation to the intervenor within 30 days after the commission issues its decision awarding compensation. The ~~utility or~~ telephone company shall file with the commission proof that it paid the amount of compensation awarded to the intervenor.

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