

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HEARING AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kay J. Christofferson

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 16 voting for 0 voting against 0 absent

General Description:

This bill modifies the Public Utilities code by amending provisions relating to the Public Service Commission's review or rehearing procedures.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ extends the deadline for the Public Service Commission to act on an application for review or rehearing of an order or decision of the commission; and
- ▶ extends the deadline for the Public Service Commission to issue its decision on rehearing.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

54-7-15, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 347



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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **54-7-15** is amended to read:

54-7-15. Review or rehearing by commission -- Application -- Procedure -- Prerequisite to court action -- Effect of commission decisions.

(1) Before seeking judicial review of the commission's action, any party, stockholder, bondholder, or other person pecuniarily interested in the public utility who is dissatisfied with an order of the commission shall meet the requirements of this section.

(2) (a) After any order or decision has been made by the commission, any party to the action or proceeding, any stockholder, bondholder, or other party pecuniarily interested in the public utility affected may apply for rehearing of any matters determined in the action or proceeding.

(b) An applicant may not urge or rely on any ground not set forth in the application in an appeal to any court.

(c) Any application for rehearing not granted by the commission within [~~20~~] 30 days is denied.

(d) (i) If the commission grants any application for rehearing without suspending the order involved, the commission shall issue its decision on rehearing within [~~20~~] 30 days after final submission.

(ii) If the commission fails to render its decision on rehearing within [~~20~~] 30 days, the order involved is affirmed.

(e) Unless an order of the commission directs that an order is stayed or postponed, an application for review or rehearing does not excuse any corporation or person from complying with and obeying any order or decision of the commission.

(3) Any order or decision on rehearing that abrogates, changes, or modifies an original order or decision has the same effect as an original order or decision, but does not affect any right, or the enforcement of any right, arising from the original order or decision unless ordered by the commission.

(4) An order of the commission, including a decision on rehearing:

(a) has effect only with respect to a public utility that is an actual party to the proceeding in which the order is rendered; and

59 (b) does not determine any right, privilege, obligation, duty, constraint, burden, or
60 responsibility with respect to a public utility that is not a party to the proceeding in which the
61 order is rendered unless, in accordance with Subsection 63G-3-201(6), the commission makes
62 a rule that incorporates the one or more principles of law that:

- 63 (i) are established by the order;
- 64 (ii) are not in commission rules at the time of the order; and
- 65 (iii) affect the right, privilege, obligation, duty, constraint, burden, or responsibility
66 with respect to the public utility.