

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
8 amending 17 O.S. 2011, Section 152, which relates to
9 review of rates and charges concerning public
10 utilities; eliminating certain procedures applicable
11 to reviews lasting beyond certain period; eliminating
12 certain procedures related to certain refunds; and
13 providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2011, Section 152, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 152. A. The Commission shall have general supervision
18 over all public utilities, with power to fix and establish rates and
19 to prescribe and promulgate rules, requirements and regulations,
20 affecting their services, operation, and the management and conduct
21 of their business; shall inquire into the management of the business
22 thereof, and the method in which same is conducted.

23 B. 1. When any public utility subject to general supervision
24 pursuant to this section or to Section 158.27 of this title shall

1 file with the Commission a request for review of its rates and
2 charges, such request shall be given immediate attention.

3 2. In the exercise of this responsibility, the Commission shall
4 complete any examination of such request for a review of its rates
5 and charges within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date such
6 application for review of its rates and charges is filed.

7 3. Public hearings on such matter must commence within forty-
8 five (45) days of the end of such examination to be conducted by the
9 Commission and in no event shall the conclusion of such examination
10 of the rates and charges and the hearing conducted by the Commission
11 exceed one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the request was
12 filed.

13 ~~4. If such request for review of the applicant's rates and~~
14 ~~charges has not been completed and an order issued within one~~
15 ~~hundred eighty (180) days from the date of filing of such~~
16 ~~application, some or all of the request for changes in the rates,~~
17 ~~charges, and regulations made in such application shall be~~
18 ~~immediately placed into effect and collected through new tariffs on~~
19 ~~an interim basis at the discretion of the applicant.~~

20 ~~5. Should the Commission determine upon the completion of its~~
21 ~~examination and public hearings that a refund regarding the amount~~
22 ~~of interim relief is appropriate and necessary, the Commission shall~~
23 ~~order such refund including reasonable interest at the one-year U.S.~~
24 ~~Treasury bill rate accruing on that portion of the rate increase to~~

1 ~~be refunded for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the~~
2 ~~effective date of the rate increase which is being refunded.~~

3 C. The Commission shall have full visitorial and inquisitorial
4 power to examine such public utilities, and keep informed as to
5 their general conditions, their capitalization, rates, plants,
6 equipments, apparatus, and other property owned, leased, controlled
7 or operated, the value of same, the management, conduct, operation,
8 practices and services; not only with respect to the adequacy,
9 security and accommodation afforded by their service, but also with
10 respect to their compliance with the provisions of this act, and
11 with the Constitution and laws of this state, and with the orders of
12 the Commission.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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