

PROJECT NO. 45133

RULEMAKING PROCEEDING TO	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AMEND 16 TAC § 25.24 AND § 25.478,	§	
RELATING TO CREDIT	§	OF TEXAS
REQUIREMENTS AND DEPOSITS	§	

**PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION OF AMENDMENT TO §25.24 and §25.478
AS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2015 OPEN MEETING**

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) proposes amendments to §25.24, relating to Credit Requirements and Deposits, and §25.478, relating to Credit Requirements and Deposits. The proposed amendments will implement legislative changes made by Senate Bill 734 of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session. The amendments will make clear that the annual interest rate shall be set by the commission on or before December 1 of each calendar year to be used for the next calendar year. Project Number 45133 is assigned to this proceeding.

Anjuli Winker of the Commission's Rate Regulation Division has determined that for each year of the first five-year period the proposed section is in effect there will be no fiscal implications for state or local government as a result of enforcing or administering the section.

Anjuli Winker has determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed section is in effect the public benefit anticipated as a result of enforcing the section will be flexibility with regard to when the commission will set the annual interest rate for the following calendar year. There will be no adverse economic effect on small businesses or micro-businesses as a result of enforcing this section. Therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required. There is no anticipated economic cost to persons who are required to comply with the section as proposed.

Anjuli Winker has also determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed section is in effect there should be no effect on a local economy, and therefore no local employment impact statement is required under Administrative Procedure Act (APA), Texas Government Code §2001.022.

Comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted to the Filing Clerk, Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, by December 11, 2015. Sixteen copies of comments to the proposed amendment are required to be filed pursuant to §22.71(c) of this title. Comments should be organized in a manner consistent with the organization of the proposed rule(s). The commission invites specific comments regarding the costs associated with, and benefits that will be gained by, implementation of the proposed section. The commission will consider the costs and benefits in deciding whether to adopt the section. All comments should refer to Project Number 45133.

These amendments are proposed under the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Texas Utilities Code Annotated §14.002 (West 2007 and Supp. 2014) (PURA), which provides the Public Utility Commission with the authority to make and enforce rules reasonably required in the exercise of its powers and jurisdiction, and specifically, the amendments made to §183.003 of the Utilities Code, by Senate Bill 734 of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, which directs the commission on when to set the rate of interest for the following calendar year.

Cross Reference to Statutes: Public Utility Regulatory Act §14.002, Senate Bill 734, and Utilities Code §183.003.

§25.24. Credit Requirements and Deposits.

(a)-(f) (No change).

(g) **Interest on deposits.** Each electric utility requiring deposits shall pay interest on these deposits at an annual rate at least equal to that set by the commission on or before December 1 of the preceding calendar year, pursuant to Texas Utilities Code §183.003 (~~Vernon 1998~~) (relating to Rate of Interest). If a deposit is refunded within 30 days of the date of deposit, no interest payment is required. If the electric utility keeps the deposit more than 30 days, payment of interest shall be made retroactive to the date of deposit.

(1)-(2) (No change.)

(h) – (m) (No change.)

§25.478. Credit Requirements and Deposits.

(a)-(e) (No change.)

(f) Interest on deposits. A REP that requires a deposit pursuant to this section shall pay interest on that deposit at an annual rate at least equal to that set by the commission on or before ~~in~~ December 1 of the preceding calendar year, pursuant to Texas Utilities Code §183.003 (relating to Rate of Interest). If a deposit is refunded within 30 days of the date of deposit, no interest payment is required. If the REP keeps the deposit more than 30 days, payment of interest shall be made from the date of deposit.

(1) – (2) (No change.)

(g) – (l) (No change.)

This agency hereby certifies that the proposal has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be within the agency's legal authority to adopt.

**ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THE 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015 BY THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
ADRIANA A. GONZALES**

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