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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 300

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 300

2021 Assembly Bill 300 creates procedures for certain Public Service Commission (PSC) actions in connection with the following applications:

- An application for PSC approval of financial assistance programs for replacement of customer-side lead-service laterals (LSLs) submitted to the PSC by a water utility.
- Any other application for PSC approval submitted to the PSC by a water utility or a combined water and sewer utility.

Under the bill, the PSC must determine whether an application is complete and notify the applicant in writing about the determination. For an initial filing, this must occur within 45 days after the application is filed.

If the PSC determines that an application is incomplete, the notice must identify any part of the application determined to be incomplete and state the reasons for the determination. The bill specifies that an applicant may supplement and refile an application that is determined to be incomplete an unlimited number of times. The PSC must act on any subsequent refiling within 30 days.

After the PSC determines that an application is complete, the PSC must issue a notice opening a docket on the application, as soon as practicable, and no later than 14 days after that determination.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 removes the requirement that after the PSC determines that an application is complete, the PSC must issue a notice opening a docket on the application, as soon as practicable, and no later than 14 days after that determination.

Additionally, the substitute amendment changes the applicable deadlines for PSC final action on an application subject to the bill:

- For an application that receives a hearing, the amendment requires the PSC to take final action within 180 days after the date the application is complete. This would replace a current law provision stating that the period begins on the date the PSC issues a notice of hearing.
- For an application that does not receive a hearing, the amendment requires the PSC to take final action within 90 days after the date the application is complete. This would replace a current law provision stating that the period begins on the date the PSC issues a notice opening a docket on the application.

BILL HISTORY

On May 3, 2021, Representative Thiesfeldt introduced Assembly Bill 300 and offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on May 24, 2021. On June 3, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities, recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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