Chapter PSC 162

SUBMITTAL OF INFORMATION RELATING TO EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS BY CLASS A AND CLASS B TELEPHONE UTILITIES

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PSC 162.01 Information to be submitted; subjects. (1) (Subject to section PSC 162.03) Each class A and class B telephone utility shall submit information with respect to the following improvements and extensions at least 30 days before commencement of work on gross property additions or consummating acquisition as defined in section PSC 162.04 and estimated to involve gross property additions in excess of 25% of the existing investment in the corresponding class of plant in the same exchange (in the case of toll plant in the same exchange or toll line) or in excess of \$10,000, whichever is the smaller, except that information need not be given of any project estimated to involve gross property additions of less than \$500:

- (a) Buildings. Any construction, reconstruction, or acquisition of any building.
- (b) Central office equipment. Any installation, replacement, or acquisition of central office equipment.
- (c) Exchange outside plant. Any installation, construction, replacement, or acquisition of exchange underground conduit, underground cable, or aerial cable.
- (d) Toll outside plant. Any installation, construction, or acquisition of toll underground conduit, underground cable or aerial cable, or construction of open wire toll lines on new routes (not including reconstruction or relocation of sections of an existing line).
- (2) In the event additional information is requested by the commission, the 30-day period shall not commence to run until after the additional information is submitted.

PSC 162.02 Character of information. The information herein required shall include a brief description of each project, an estimate of the gross and net cost of construction, and a brief statement of the reasons for such construction. If any utility prepares an annual budget or comprehensive plan for future work, it may file a statement of such budget or plan but shall notify the commission at least 30 days before the commencement of work on any project for which notice is required under section PSC 162.01 and not included as a specific project in such statement of annual program.

PSC 162.03 Emergency work. In cases of emergency a telephone utility may proceed to do urgently necessary work, but within 30 days from the commencement of such work shall furnish the commission with the information called for in section PSC 162.02 together with an explanation of the emergency.

PSC 162.04 Definitions. (1) The terms "class A" and "class B" telephone utilities refer to the classification of telephone utilities contained in the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the federal communications commission and the public service commission of Wisconsin for accounting and reporting purposes.

(2) The term "gross property additions" means the total cost of new material or equipment and the labor of installation thereof.

(3) The term "acquisition" as used herein refers only to the acquisition of a unit of plant in place and ready for operation and does not include the purchase of materials or equipment for later installation.