

CHAPTER 25. SUBSTANTIVE RULES APPLICABLE TO ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Subchapter J. COSTS, RATES AND TARIFFS.

§25.240. Contribution Disclosure Statements in Appeals of Municipal Utility Rates.

- (a) **Pursuant to Chapter 33, Subchapter D.** Each party to an appeal proceeding under the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), Chapter 33, Subchapter D must file a statement with the commission disclosing all expenditures made by that party and all contributions made to that party, whether the expenditures or contributions are financial or in-kind, related to preparation of and filing of a petition for appeal, the preparation of expert testimony, and legal representation in the proceeding. The municipality whose rates are the subject of the appeal, the Office of Regulatory Affairs, and the Office of Public Utility Counsel are not required to file a statement. The statement must list with particularity the name and address of each contributor and provide a description of each contribution. The statement will be available to the public. The statement must be filed within 30 days after a final appealable order is entered by the commission or the petition of appeal is withdrawn.
- (b) **Pursuant to PURA §33.123.** Any party that brings an appeal under PURA §33.123 (appellant) must file within 30 days after filing the appeal with the commission and within each 30 days thereafter, a statement that discloses with particularity each and every contribution, whether financial or in-kind, made to the appellant in support of the appeal. This obligation will continue until a statement is filed that includes all contributions made up until the commission has entered a final appealable order. The statement will list the name and address of each contributor and provide a description of each contribution.
- (c) **Hearings on statements.** Upon motion by any party or upon the commission's own motion, the commission may conduct a hearing on the statements to make such determinations as may be necessary under PURA, Chapter 33, Subchapter D or §33.123.