

§120. Annual report

The commission shall report annually, before February 1st, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public utilities on: [PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

1. Budget. The commission's planned expenditures for the year and its use of funds in the previous year, including the expenditures from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund as established pursuant to section 116; [PL 1999, c. 584, §1 (AMD).]

2. Various fees. The waiver, exemption, receipt and expenditure of any filing fees, expenses, reimbursements or fines collected under this Title, on a case-by-case basis; [PL 1999, c. 584, §1 (AMD).]

2-A. Filing fees and penalties; legislation. Any filing fees or penalties collected in the previous year under this Title that have not been adjusted in the previous 5 years. For filing fees or penalties reported pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall submit, along with the annual report, information regarding the dollar value of the filing fee or penalty adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index, as defined in Title 5, section 17001, subsection 9. After receiving the annual report, the committee may report out a bill to adjust for inflation any filing fee or penalty provided in the report; [PL 2021, c. 318, §3 (NEW).]

2-B. Commission expenses; investor-owned and consumer-owned utilities. Beginning in 2022, for each category of public utility listed in section 116, subsection 1:

A. The portion of commission resources devoted to matters related to investor-owned utilities and the portion of commission resources devoted to matters related to consumer-owned utilities; and [PL 2021, c. 318, §4 (NEW).]

B. The commission's expenses per dollar of intrastate gross operating revenue for investor-owned utilities and for consumer-owned utilities; [PL 2021, c. 318, §4 (NEW).]
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3. Regional issues. The commission's efforts undertaken in accordance with its authority under this Title to promote and protect consumer interests through participation in and presentations before regional entities and federal agencies with jurisdiction over regional marketplaces that affect the State's consumers. The commission must provide an assessment of staffing requirements to undertake these responsibilities; [PL 2001, c. 137, §1 (AMD).]

4. Rural issues. The commission's efforts undertaken in accordance with its authority under this Title to ensure that rural areas of this State are not disadvantaged as utility industries are restructured and competitive markets developed. The commission shall identify any rural issues that it has determined may require legislative action; [PL 2009, c. 122, §8 (AMD).]

5. Telephone exemptions. The commission's activities undertaken pursuant to its authority to grant exemptions to providers of provider of last resort service from certain portions of this Title; [PL 2011, c. 623, Pt. D, §4 (AMD).]

6. Significant developments. Any significant developments in the utility sectors or other areas of commission oversight; [PL 2021, c. 236, §1 (AMD).]

6-A. Microgrids. Beginning February 1, 2025, any activities undertaken by the commission related to new microgrids as defined in section 3351, subsection 1, paragraph B, including whether any new microgrids have been approved; and

[PL 2021, c. 236, §2 (NEW).]

7. Other. All other subjects that the commission is required to include in the annual report pursuant to law.

[PL 2009, c. 122, §11 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 141, §A6 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 9, §E22 (AMD). PL 1999, c. 584, §1 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 137, §§1,2 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 122, §§8-11 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 623, Pt. D, §4 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 236, §§1, 2 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 318, §§3, 4 (AMD).

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