



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901-1-01 Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Administrative law judge" (ALJ) has the same meaning attributed to attorney examiner; the terms are interchangeable throughout these and other commission rules and both terms refer to the positions authorized under section 4901.18 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(B) "Business day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

(C) "Commission" means the public utilities commission.

(D) "Docketing information system" means the commission's system for electronically storing documents filed in a case. The internet address of the docketing information system is <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us>.

(E) "Electric utility" means an electric light company as defined in section 4905.03 of the Revised Code and an electric services company as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Electronic filing" (e-filing) means the submission of digitized electronic files to the commission's docketing information system.

(G) "Electronic mail" (email) means the exchange of digital messages across the internet or other computer network.

(H) "Emergency rate proceeding" means any case involving an application for an emergency rate adjustment filed under section 4909.16 of the Revised Code.

(I) "Facsimile transmission" (fax) means the transmission of a source document by a facsimile machine or other electronic device that encodes a document into signals and transmits and



reconstructs the signals to print a duplicate of the source document at the commission's docketing division or a party's location.

(J) "Gas utility" means a gas or natural gas company as defined in section 4905.03 of the Revised Code.

(K) "General rate proceeding" means any case involving an application for an increase in rates filed under section 4909.18 of the Revised Code, a complaint or petition filed under section 4909.34 or 4909.35 of the Revised Code, or an investigation into the reasonableness of a public utility's rates initiated by the commission under section 4905.26 of the Revised Code.

(L) "Long-term forecast report" has the meaning set forth in section 4935.04 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Person" means a person, firm, corporation, unincorporated association, government agency, the United States, the state of Ohio or one of its political subdivisions, or any other legally cognizable entity including any entity defined as a "person" in division (A) of section 4906.01 of the Revised Code.

(N) "Presiding hearing officer" means the commissioner or ALJ presiding at a public hearing or prehearing conference.

(O) "Private motor carrier" has the meaning set forth in section 4923.02 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Public utility" has the meaning set forth in section 4905.02 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Purchased gas adjustment proceeding" means any proceeding heard under section 4905.302 of the Revised Code and rule 4901:1-14-08 of the Administrative Code.

(R) "Railroad" has the meaning set forth in section 4907.02 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Reporting person" means any person filing a long-term forecast report under section 4935.04 of the Revised Code.