

Notice to Gas, Electric, Water and Sewer Public Utilities Concerning Consumer Intervenor Compensation Fund Contributions

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Public Act 102-0662, which became effective September 15, 2021, amends Section 9-229 of the Public Utilities Act (PUA) to create a new Consumer Intervenor Compensation Fund (Fund). The Fund will be used to compensate Consumer Interest Representatives meeting criteria specified in Section 9-229 that intervene in Illinois Commerce Commission proceedings.

Utilities are to submit payments to the Fund in two types of circumstances:

Initial Contributions – Within 60 days of the effective date of PA 102-0662, public utilities shall make contributions as follows:

- An electric public utility with 3,000,000 or more retail customers shall contribute \$450,000;
- A combined electric and gas public utility serving fewer than 3,000,000 but more than 500,000 retail customers shall contribute \$225,000;
- A gas public utility with 1,500,000 or more retail customers that is not a combined electric and gas public utility shall contribute \$225,000;
- A gas public utility with fewer than 1,500,000 retail customers but more than 300,000 retail customers that is not a combined electric and gas public utility shall contribute \$80,000;
- A gas public utility with fewer than 300,000 retail customers that is not a combined electric and gas public utility shall contribute \$20,000;
- A combined electric and gas public utility serving fewer than 500,000 retail customers shall contribute \$20,000;
- A water or sewer public utility serving more than 100,000 retail customers shall contribute \$80,000; and
- A water or sewer public utility serving fewer than 100,000 but more than 10,000 retail customers shall contribute \$20,000.

Rate Increase Request Related Contributions -- Within 30 days after the effective date of PA 102-0662, each utility that files a request for an increase in rates under Article IX or Article XVI of the PUA shall deposit an amount equal to one half of the rate case attorney and expert expense allowed by the Commission, but not to exceed \$500,000, into the Fund within 35 days of the date of the Commission's final Order in the rate case or 20 days after the denial of rehearing under Section 10-113 of this Act, whichever is later.

Contributions shall be made payable to Illinois Commerce Commission. Please add to the check memo line: Consumer Intervenor Compensation Fund.

Contributions should be sent to:

Illinois Commerce Commission
Fiscal Information Section
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