

CHAPTER 3
ALL UTILITIES

Authority

N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, 48:2-16, 48:2-17, 48:2-20, 48:2-24, 48:2-27, 48:2-76, 48:3-3, 48:3-7.8, 48:3-12, 48:13A-1 and 48:19-17.

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R.1997 d.39, effective February 3, 1997.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1810(a), 29 N.J.R. 449(a).

Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date

Chapter 3, All Utilities, expires on February 3, 2002.

Chapter Historical Note

All provisions of Chapter 3, All Utilities, became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

1971 Revisions: Subchapter 10, Solid Waste Collection and Solid Waste Disposal, became effective July 8, 1971 as R.1971 d.109. See: 2 N.J.R. 76(f), 3 N.J.R. 160(a).

1973 Revisions: Amendments became effective June 19, 1973 as R.1973 d.157. See: 5 N.J.R. 123(b), 5 N.J.R. 240(a). Further amendments became effective July 11, 1973 as R.1973 d.187. See: 4 N.J.R. 196(e), 5 N.J.R. 292(b).

1975 Revisions: Amendments became effective October 17, 1975 as R.1975 d.305. See: 7 N.J.R. 277(b), 7 N.J.R. 510(b).

1978 Revisions: Amendments became effective May 16, 1978 as R.1978 d.155. See: 9 N.J.R. 290(e), 10 N.J.R. 261(e).

1979 Revisions: Amendments became effective March 16, 1979 as R.1979 d.117. See: 11 N.J.R. 260(a). Further amendments became effective August 1, 1979 as R.1979 d.289. See: 11 N.J.R. 258(b), 11 N.J.R. 467(a). Further amendments became effective October 10, 1979 as R.1979 d.352. See: 11 N.J.R. 522(c).

1980 Revisions: Amendments became effective January 1, 1980 as R.1980 d.474. See: 11 N.J.R. 402(b), 12 N.J.R. 49(b). Further amendments became effective January 24, 1980 as R.1980 d.44. See: 12 N.J.R. 156(d). Further amendments became effective July 1, 1980 as R.1980 d.299. See: 12 N.J.R. 209(f), 12 N.J.R. 495(d). Further amendments became effective December 29, 1980 as R.1980 d.555. See: 12 N.J.R. 552(a), 13 N.J.R. 105(b).

1983 Revisions: Amendments became effective November 21, 1983 as R.1983 d.526. See: 15 N.J.R. 787(a), 15 N.J.R. 1949(a).

1984 Revisions: Amendments became effective February 6, 1984 as R.1983 d.651. See: 15 N.J.R. 1235(a), 16 N.J.R. 250(a). Further amendments became effective April 2, 1984 as R.1984 d.87. See: 15 N.J.R. 1355(a), 16 N.J.R. 744(a). Subchapter 3, Service, and Subchapter 7, Bills and Payments for Service, were readopted effective July 2, 1984 as R.1984 d.259. See: 16 N.J.R. 693(a), 16 N.J.R. 1807(a).

1985 Revisions: Amendments became effective April 15, 1985 as R.1985 d.166. See: 16 N.J.R. 2747(a), 17 N.J.R. 974(a). Further amendments became effective May 6, 1985 as R.1985 d.202. See: 17 N.J.R. 174(a), 17 N.J.R. 1136(a).

1986 Revisions: Amendments became effective July 7, 1986 as R.1986 d.242. See: 18 N.J.R. 463(a), 18 N.J.R. 1401(a).

1987 Revisions: Amendments became effective April 6, 1987 as R.1987 d.163. See: 18 N.J.R. 2425(a), 19 N.J.R. 552(a). N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.12A became effective December 21, 1987 as R.1987 d.516. See: 18 N.J.R. 2315(a), 19 N.J.R. 2405(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 3, All Utilities, expired on May 6, 1990. Chapter 3, All Utilities, was subsequently adopted as new rules by R.1991 d.221, effective May 6, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 1112(a), 23 N.J.R. 1439(b).

1993 Revisions: Subchapter 11, Solid Waste Collection Regulatory Reform, was adopted as R.1993 d.83, effective February 16, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 1459(a), 25 N.J.R. 692(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 10, Solid Waste Collection and Solid Waste Disposal, and Subchapter 11, Solid Waste Collection Regulatory Reform, were readopted by R.1996 d.253, effective May 6, 1996. As part of R.1996 d.253, Subchapters 10 and 11 were recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:26H-1 and 7:26H-5, respectively, effective June 3, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 78(a), 28 N.J.R. 247(a), 28 N.J.R. 1147(a), 28 N.J.R. 2908(a). The remainder of Chapter 3, All Utilities, consisting of Subchapter 1, Definitions; Subchapter 2, Plant; Subchapter 3, Service; Subchapter 4, Meters; Subchapter 5, Offices; Subchapter 6, Records; Subchapter 7, Bills and Payments for Service; Subchapter 8, Suggested Formulae for Extension of Utility Service; and Subchapter 9, General Provisions, expired on May 6, 1996.

Chapter 3, All Utilities, consisting of Subchapters 1 through 9 and 12, was adopted as new rules by R.1997 d.39, effective February 3, 1997. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

14:3-1.1 Words defined

The following words and terms when used in N.J.A.C. 14:3 through 14:10 shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Board” means the Board of Public Utilities of New Jersey.

“Customer” means any person, partnership, firm, corporation, governmental subdivision or agency receiving service from any such utility.

“Residential customer” means an individual person(s) who applies for utility service to be billed in his or her name, pays a security deposit, if appropriate and requested, and accepts responsibility for payment of any utility service provided.

“Utility” has the same meaning as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13 and includes pipeline utilities as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:10-3, and municipally-operated utilities, insofar as the Board’s jurisdiction is extended to them under the appropriate statutes.

Amended by R.1991 d.221, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1112(a), 23 N.J.R. 1439(b).

Internal reference cite corrected, “Board” definition updated.

Amended by R.1997 d.39, effective February 3, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1810(a), 29 N.J.R. 449(a).

Added “Residential customer”.

Case Notes

Definition of utility; Board jurisdiction over municipally owned and operated utilities found only by specific statutory grant. Freehold Boro. v. Freehold Twp., 193 N.J.Super. 724, 475 A.2d 691 (App.Div. 1984).

SUBCHAPTER 2. PLANT

14:3-2.1 Plant construction

(a) The construction and installation of plant and facilities of the utilities must be in accordance with standard utility practice. Each utility shall make reasonable efforts to protect the public and its property from injury or damage and shall exercise due care to reduce hazards to which employees, customers, and the general public may be subjected by reason of its equipment and facilities.

(b) The various utilities should cooperate to the greatest extent practicable to reduce or eliminate interference among the different systems.

Amended by R.1997 d.39, effective February 3, 1997.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1810(a), 29 N.J.R. 449(a).

In (a), inserted "utility" following "accordance with standard".

Case Notes

Electric utility practiced prudent field management in choosing site for proposed distribution substation. In Matter of Appeal of Atlantic City Electric Company, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (BRC) 75.